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Washington, D.C. 20535

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#1 = 12/17/65
#73 = 12/29/66

Cleveland

Subject: FILE 157 513 YEARS 1963 THRU 1966 (CV)

FOIPA No. 0997467-000

COINTELPRO: White Hate Groups

Dear Mr. Lazar:

The enclosed documents were reviewed under the Freedom of Information/Privacy Acts (FOIPA), Title 5, United States Code, Section 552/552a. Deletions have been made to protect information which is exempt from disclosure, with the appropriate exemptions noted on the page next to the excision. In addition, a deleted page information sheet was inserted in the file to indicate where pages were withheld entirely. The exemptions used to withhold information are marked below and explained on the enclosed Form OPCA-16a:

Section 552

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189 page(s) were reviewed and 188 page(s) are being released.

☐ Document(s) were located which originated with, or contained information concerning other Government agency(ies) [OGA]. This information has been:

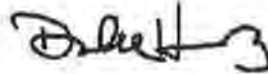
- ☐ referred to the OGA for review and direct response to you.
- ☐ referred to the OGA for consultation. The FBI will correspond with you regarding this information when the consultation is finished.

☒ You have the right to appeal any denials in this release. Appeals should be directed in writing to the Co-Director, Office of Information and Privacy, U.S. Department of Justice, Flag Building, Suite 570, Washington, D.C. 20530-0001 within sixty days from the date of this letter. The envelope and the letter should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Appeal" or "Information Appeal." Please cite the FOIPA number assigned to your request so that it may be easily identified.

☐ The enclosed material is from the main investigative file(s) in which the subject(s) of your request was the focus of the investigation. Our search located additional references, in files relating to other individuals, or matters, which may or may not be about your subject(s). Our experience has shown, when ident, references usually contain information similar to the information processed in the main file(s). Because of our significant backlog, we have given priority to processing only the main investigative file(s). If you want the references, you must submit a separate request for them in writing, and they will be reviewed at a later date, as time and resources permit.

☐ See additional information which follows.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Hardy", with a stylized flourish at the end.

David M. Hardy
Section Chief
Record/Information
Dissemination Section
Records Management Division

Enclosure(s)(2)

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
FOIPA
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☐ FOIA/PA ☐ Litigation ☐ Executive Order Applied

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Title of Case _____ Section _____

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File Number 157-153 (CV) Section 1

Serial(s) Reviewed 1 thru 73

FOIPA Requester Ernie Lazar

FOIPA Subject File 157-153 (CV) 1963 to 1966

FOIPA Computer Number 997467

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To: SACs, Los Angeles
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Birmingham (157-835)
Charlotte (157-281)
Chicago (157-382)
Cincinnati
✓ Cleveland
Detroit
Jackson (157-640)
Jacksonville (157-863)
Knoxville (157-301)
Little Rock (157-291)
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New York (157-1259)
Oklahoma City
Richmond (157-846)
Savannah (157-629)
Tampa (157-1559)
Miami (157-1114)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-MAIN)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM ✓ 100-23089-48
INTERNAL SECURITY - 603
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(REVEREND CHARLES CONNIE LYNCH, AKA.)

ReLAairtel captioned "Connie Charles Lynch, RM," dated 12/2/65.

Lynch, commonly known as Connie Lynch is a leading national speaker for the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and other hate-type groups. Lynch apparently is unemployed at present and presumably receives some form of compensation for his speaking efforts. He has at times reportedly been a member of the NSRP and Klan groups; however, Bufiles do not reveal a continuing membership for Lynch in any of the hate-type organizations.

He has advocated the use of violence against minority groups and has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon.

Lynch again came to the attention of the Bureau regarding threats to FBI personnel when, during a speech on 10/28/65 at Natchez, Mississippi, he referred to FBI Agents as

"Open and Assign"

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Airtel to SACs, Los Angeles et al
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-MAIN

"Nigger babysitters" and "haters of all white men." He is alleged to have said he would kill FBI Agents or anyone else if they molest his family or employees. During an interview on 9/28/65 by Bureau Agents for a similar comment, Lynch denied making any such statement but was hostile to the Agents.

It is pointed out that while Lynch may not currently have a hate group organizational affiliation, he is a very prominent hate group personality and has been very successful in stirring up violence in the past. For this reason, counter-intelligence measures taken against him should be conducted as though he were one of the leading officials of a group such as the NSRP or the Klan.

Lynch's automobile bears a California registration and he was last known to reside there. He follows a peripatetic way of life and may appear at any place throughout the country.

For the information of all offices receiving this airtel it is to be noted that although Lynch drives a 1958 Cadillac, four-door sedan, white over pink, bearing 1965 California license plate number LXX 891, he does not have a valid California drivers license, his license having been suspended by the State of California effective 8/5/63. Operator's license number Z405029 has not been surrendered or reinstated.

The Bureau desires that offices in whose territory he may appear be alert to advise the Bureau immediately, with a recommendation as to a reliable law enforcement agency which can be advised he is driving without a valid license and which can be relied upon to take appropriate action without revealing the Bureau's interest.

The Los Angeles Office is further instructed to be alert to immediately advise the Bureau and interested offices in the event Lynch's drivers license is reinstated by the State of California.

This information is being sent to the designated offices inasmuch as Lynch has visited these areas in the past, is scheduled to visit these areas or is likely to visit these areas.

(Title) _____

(File No.) 157-513-1a

1. one photo of Connie Charles Lynch

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No ☒

Description:

1 photo of
Connie Charles
Lynch



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1/7/66

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1413)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-759)(P)
RE: CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH ✓ 157-513-1
RM - NSRP

OO:LOS ANGELES

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LA 157-759

Re Bureau airtel dated 12/17/65 captioned, "Counter-intelligence Program, Internal Security, Disruption of Hate Groups; (Reverend CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH, aka).

Enclosed for each office that received the above referenced communication, is a photograph of the subject, having been taken at Los Angeles, California, on August 7, 1965, as he addressed an NSRP rally.

For the information of the San Francisco Office which did not receive a copy of referenced communication, LYNCH, commonly known as Connie Lynch, is a leading national speaker for the National States Rights Party (NSRP) and other hate-type organizations. He receives some form of compensation for his speaking efforts. LYNCH has been reported as a member of the NSRP and Klan groups, and he has advocated violence against minority groups and has been convicted of assault with a deadly weapon. In addition, LYNCH has referred to FBI Agents as "Nigger babysitters" and "haters of all white men", and to have stated that he would kill any FBI Agent who tried to exert his authority on him.

It is noted that LYNCH drives a 1958 Cadillac, pink in color, bearing California license LXX 891, however, he does not have a valid drivers license, his California license, No. Z405029, having been suspended by the State of California, but never surrendered by LYNCH or reinstated.

The Bureau desires that offices in whose territory LYNCH may appear be alert to advise the Bureau immediately, with a recommendation as to a reliable enforcement agency which can be advised that LYNCH is driving without a valid license and which can be relied upon to take appropriate action without revealing the Bureau's interest. The Bureau has further instructed that the Bureau and interested offices be advised if LYNCH's drivers license is reinstated by the State of California.

The San Francisco Office, at Sacramento, California, is requested to, through an established source, at the Department of Motor Vehicles, discreetly place an appropriate "stop" at DMV in the event LYNCH endeavors to obtain a new license or his old license is reinstated.

LA 157-759

LYNCH HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN THE PAST FOR ASSAULT WITH
A DEADLY WEAPON AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND
DANGEROUS.

SAC, Jackson (157-840)

2/18/68

Director, FBI (157-9-54)

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY,
DISSEMINATION OF HATE GROUPS**

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Reference dated 1/14/68 captioned [redacted]
aka, [redacted]."

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Referenced report reveals that [redacted]
resides in [redacted] Mississippi. He is a part time employee
of the [redacted] Omaha,
Nebraska, and also a part time employee of the [redacted]
Meridian, Mississippi, a subsidiary of the [redacted]
of Toledo, Ohio.

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Referenced report describes [redacted] as a member of the
White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan of Mississippi (WKKKKOM),
who has been assigned to assist local Klansmen in redeeming
the Lauderdale County Klavern of that Klan organization.

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[redacted] is apparently continuing his efforts to enroll
a new unit into the WKKKKOM with membership being drawn from
Meridian or Alabama.

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It is indicated that the only reason [redacted] is intent
on forming a unit in the Meridian, Mississippi, area, is to
retaliate against a Toombs, Mississippi, [redacted] by the name of
[redacted] who is alleged to have stabbed [redacted] several years
ago. Although [redacted] has not made known the facts of the stabbing
to your sources, it is indicated that [redacted] while selling
insurance, attempted to attack the [redacted] old [redacted] of [redacted]
but was apparently prevented from doing so by the [redacted] father.
Local authorities learned of this, but attempted to play down
the fact that a [redacted] man had offered an assault to a [redacted]
[redacted]

2 - Cleveland
2 - Omaha

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[redacted] *file*
(Summarize to [redacted])

Letter to Jackson
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
157-9-54

b7C [] Referenced report reveals that during October, 1965, [] revealed to WKKKON members that he was stabbed by a [] approximately [] years ago. [] has requested some WKKKON help in order to beat the [] that stabbed him.

b7C Jackson designate [] as counterintelligence objective, develop facts surrounding his attempted attack on the above-described [] and promptly submit to the Bureau effective recommendations which will destroy [] Klan activities.

b7C Omaha advise the Bureau and Jackson if Omaha has a reliable and trustworthy confidential contact in the office of the [] Omaha, Nebraska, who could possibly be utilized in precluding [] from part time employment with that [] company.

b7C Cleveland advise the Bureau and Jackson Office if you have a reliable and trustworthy contact at the [] of Toledo, Ohio, who could be utilized to arrange the preclusion of [] from employment by the [] a subsidiary of the [] Corporation.

Cleveland and Omaha conduct no active investigation in this matter, and submit your recommendations promptly.

Take no counterintelligence action without prior Bureau authority.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

2-25-66

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
[redacted] aka.)

ReBulet to Jackson, 2-15-66, a copy of which
is enclosed for Detroit Division.

The [redacted] ceased operations in
Toledo, Ohio, several years ago and their operations were
moved to [redacted]
Detroit, Michigan. It is assumed that this company is still
in operation in Detroit, Michigan.

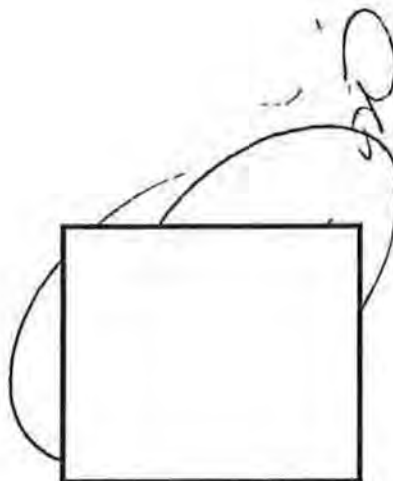
The Detroit Division is requested to comply with the
request for Cleveland set forth in referenced Bureau letter.

- 2 - Bureau (RM)
- 2 - Detroit (RM) (Enc. 1)
- 1 - Jackson (157-640) (RM)
- ① - Cleveland

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~~DIRECTOR, FBI (157-)-547~~

To: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) b6

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~~INTERNAL SECURITY,~~

~~DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS~~

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ReBulet 2-15-66.

One copy of relet is enclosed for the Detroit Office.

For the info of the Bureau and Jackson the ~~()~~

~~()~~ ceased operations in Toledo, Ohio several years ago,

and their operations were moved to ~~()~~

~~()~~ Detroit, Michigan. It is assumed that this company is still in operation in Detroit, Michigan.

The Detroit Office is requested to comply with the request for Cleveland which is set forth in relet.

~~2 - Bureau (RM)~~

~~2 - Detroit (Encl.) (RM)~~

~~1 - Jackson (157-649) (RM)~~

1 - Cleveland

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2/22/66

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1413)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-759)(P)
SUBJECT: CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH
RM - NSRP
OO: LOS ANGELES

3 - Bureau (AM - RM)
1 - Atlanta (AM - RM)
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1 - Oklahoma City (AM - RM)
1 - Richmond (AM - RM)
1 - San Diego (AM - RM) (Encl. 1)
2 - San Francisco (AM - RM)
1 - Savannah (AM - RM)
1 - Seattle (AM - RM) (Encl. 1)
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LA 157-759

Re Los Angeles airtel dated 1/7/66.

One copy each of Los Angeles airtel dated 1/7/66 is being sent to the San Diego and Seattle Offices inasmuch as they had not previously received a copy of this communication.

b7C [redacted] California, neighborhood source, has advised that LYNCH has been staying at the residence of [redacted] San Bernardino, California. [redacted] stated that she recalled seeing LYNCH driving a 1963 Chevrolet Biscayne station wagon (brown color), California license NRY 250. However, [redacted] advised she has not seen LYNCH for two days, but will advise the FBI if she does see him again at the [redacted] residence.

b7C Records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, California, reveal that this car is registered to [redacted] or [redacted] San Bernardino, California.

San Bernardino Sheriff's Office has been alerted, it being noted that LYNCH does not have a valid California license.

A stop has been placed at the Department of Motor Vehicles, Sacramento, California, regarding subject's driver's license, number Z405029, as of 1/12/66.

Copies of this airtel are being sent to offices receiving copies of Los Angeles airtel dated 1/7/66 inasmuch as LYNCH might be appearing in their area, and so that a reliable law enforcement office can be advised of the fact that LYNCH does not possess a valid California license.

The Bureau has advised that LYNCH was scheduled to appear as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) on 2/24/66. On 2/22/66, Mr. WILLIAM A. WHEELER, West Coast Representative, HCUA, advised that to his knowledge LYNCH was not to appear before the HCUA and that he had no knowledge that LYNCH would be subpoenaed.

LA 157-759

LYNCH HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN THE PAST FOR ASSAULT
WITH A DEADLY WEAPON AND SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERED
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

FBI

Date: 12/12/67

Transmit the following in _____
(Type in plaintext or code)Via AIRTEL AIR MAIL
(Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-1413)

FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-759)(RUC) *157-513-1*
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SUBJECT: CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH
RACIAL MATTERS (ORGANIZATION)
OO: SAVANNAH

ReBulet, dated 12/4/67.

The Bureau by referenced letter advised that since LYNCH who is included in the Rabble Rouser Index, is in a constant travel status and does not maintain a true residence in California, Savannah should assume origin in this matter.

- 3 - Bureau (RM)
- 1 - Atlanta (RM)
- 1 - Baltimore (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (RM)
- 1 - Charlotte (RM)
- 1 - Chicago (RM)
- 1 - Cincinnati (RM)
- 1 - Cleveland (RM)
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- 1 - Oklahoma City (RM)
- 1 - Richmond (RM)
- 1 - San Francisco (RM)
- 2 - Savannah (Encls. 9)(RM)
- 1 - Miami (RM)
- 1 - Tampa (RM)
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Accordingly, enclosed herewith for the Savannah Office is one copy of the following described communications:

- (1) Baltimore letter to Bureau, dated 11/24/67.
- (2) Rabble Rouser Index.
- (3) Tampa airtel to Bureau, dated 10/31/67 and letterhead memorandum (LHM).
- (4) Tampa airtel to Bureau, dated 11/8/67 and LHM.
- (5) Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/13/66 at Los Angeles.
- (6) Report of SA [redacted] dated 6/20/66, at Los Angeles.
- (7) Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/20/65, at Los Angeles.
- (8) Photograph of LYNCH taken 8/7/65, at Los Angeles.
- (9) Report of SA [redacted] dated 12/23/63 at Jacksonville.

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Copies of this communication are being sent to all offices that received a copy of Los Angeles airtel dated 11/5/66 captioned "Counterintelligence Program, Internal Security Disruption of Hate Groups (CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH)" so that these offices can be aware that Savannah is now office of origin for LYNCH and any communication concerning LYNCH should be forwarded to the Savannah Office.

By letter dated 11/29/67, the San Francisco Office was requested to review the records of the Department of Motor Vehicles, State of California, to determine if there had been any inquiries regarding LYNCH from other states, and to determine if LYNCH still has a car registered in California.

The Los Angeles Office will continue to remain alert for any information regarding an appearance of LYNCH in the Los Angeles area.

TO: SAC,

☐ Albany
☐ Albuquerque
☐ Anchorage
☐ Atlanta
☐ Baltimore
☐ Birmingham
☐ Boston
☐ Buffalo
☐ Butte
☐ Charlotte
☐ Chicago
☐ Cincinnati
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Date 11/19/65

RE.

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM --
DISRUPTION OF ULT GROUPS

☒ For information ☐ Retention optional ☐ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks.

Reurlet 11/16/65, please note that correct number for caption, Cleveland Division, is 157-9-11-

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Via Airtel _____

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	Cincinnati	Mobile
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	Columbia	Norfolk
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	Jackson	Savannah
	Jacksonville	Tampa

From: Director, FBI

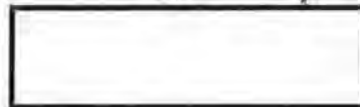
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN 101-2, 27
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

The Bureau is contemplating a program of mailing anonymous communications to individuals who have been identified as klansmen. Each office receiving this communication advise by return airtel the approximate total number of individuals within its division who have been identified as klansmen and for whom the office has a business or residence address.

Attach 157-513
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 New *157-513-8*
157-5941-1
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"Open and Assign"

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3/10/66

AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-594)(P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel, 3/7/66.

CV Division has approximately 50 individuals within its division who have been identified as Klansmen and for whom this office has a business or residence address.

3-Bureau (RM)
2-Cleveland (1 - 100-10261)

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Cleveland

DATE: 3/14/66

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-11)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re CV rep 1-28-66 captioned [redacted]
aka, [redacted]; RM - Klan."

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Rerep reveals that [redacted] a resident of [redacted]
Ohio, is self-employed as the operator of [redacted]
[redacted] also in [redacted] Ohio.

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The information furnished by your office establishes
[redacted] was initiated into the National Knights of the
Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK) at [redacted] Georgia, on
9-5-65. On [redacted] [redacted] was elected [redacted]
Klavern No. [redacted] NKKKK, Cleveland, Ohio.

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During a meeting of Klavern No. [redacted] on 1-9-66,
[redacted] advocated the formation of a Black Squad of enforcers
to beat or kill any informants. [redacted] also advocated the
use of the Black Squad for the purpose of beating or killing
Negroes. [redacted] has suggested slipping a bomb into Negro
meeting rooms and blowing up 50 or 100 Negroes at a time.
[redacted] has also stated that he could supply Klan members
with firearms and teach them how to use firearms. [redacted]
has been interviewed on two occasions by Bureau Agents,
and formally denied Klan membership.

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[redacted] but does have a propensity for violence.

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Your attention is directed to the fact that the
Bureau has an effective counterintelligence program relative
to Klan activity. In this vein, submit imaginative
counterintelligence proposals designed to neutralize, or
disrupt the Klan activities of [redacted] and Klavern No. [redacted]
at Cleveland, Ohio.



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Insure that every avenue of counterintelligence tactics against [] is considered as such action could very possibly prevent future violence.

Take no counterintelligence action without prior Bureau authorization.

3/31/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-2-29)
FROM: SAC, MIAMI (157-1114) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Bureau letter to Miami, dated 3/29/66.

In order to bring the Bureau and interested offices up to date concerning the status of [redacted] in the [redacted] of Florida, the following information is set forth:

This information has been obtained from [redacted] (not approved by Bureau), State of Florida Kligrapp and N.C. of Klavern No. [redacted] Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

On 3/13/66, [redacted] of Florida, was present at a State Officer's meeting at Ft. Pierce, Florida.

On 3/14/66, [redacted] became quite upset and nervous while being told by a fellow klanman that he had been interviewed by the FBI.

On the same date, klan officials at Ft. Lauderdale learned that [redacted] had shown the klan building at Ft. Lauderdale

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b7C to an "alien" without obtaining permission from anyone. Klansmen then changed the locks on the klan building so [] would no longer have access thereto.

b7C [] was refused admittance to meetings of Klavern No. [] on 3/14 and 31/66, on the grounds he did not have written permission from his H.C., Klavern No. [] to attend a meeting of another Klavern.

b7C It was rumored at these meetings that [] may be a Communist and/or a police informant.

b7C At a special meeting of klan officials on 3/22/66, it was announced by [] that [] had turned in his klan membership card to the H.C. of Klavern No. [] and had written a letter of resignation from the klan to the Imperial Wizard and to Grand Dragon []. It was suggested at that time that Klavern No. [] should convene a trial to determine the truth of allegations against []. One of the allegations against [] is that he was a friend of [] and had been requested by [] to obtain Czechoslovakian made guns for the [] movement in Cuba.

b7C This source has advised that [] has on numerous occasions mentioned that he has a [] who is a []. On one occasion he displayed a photograph of himself which was taken with bearded Cuban Revolutionaries.

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b7C Since [] is a [] the source speculated that if this trial is held it is very likely that the Grand Dragon, [] as well as local klansmen, will attend the trial which would be held in the klan building at Fort Lauderdale.

If such a gathering should materialize, it would be an excellent time to implement the Bureau approved and pending counterintelligence measure of notifying the Fort Lauderdale Police Department of the progress of a klan meeting so this department can establish a motor vehicle inspection road block in the area of the klan building.

b7C Since doubts concerning [] loyalty to the klan already exist and a trial of him is being contemplated, the possibility of his eventual expulsion from the klan may be effected. Miami feels that this would be an excellent time to discretely promote further doubts concerning his loyalty.

b7C As a counterintelligence measure, Miami recommends that [] friends, including some klansmen, be interviewed by the FBI in an effort to ascertain if he has any leanings towards the Communist regime of FIDEL CASTRO.

Such an FBI investigation would undoubtedly come to the attention of klansmen who will eventually try him and thus further insure his neutralization as a klan agitator.

4/11/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS - DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Bureau letter 3/14/66.

As pointed out in referenced Bureau letter, [redacted] is [redacted] Klavern No. [redacted] National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc. (NKKKK), Cleveland, Ohio. Investigation during the past month has determined that [redacted] has been taking measures to conceal his activities in behalf of the Klan from his wife. She has been insistent that he sever his relations with the Klan from the time he received publicity in that regard in newspaper articles exposing the Ohio Klan, recently published in the Cleveland "Press".

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In this connection, [redacted] has obtained a post office box through which he now receives his Klan mail. Also, on 4/9/66, the Klan picketed the building of the aforementioned Cleveland "Press". The group met at one of [redacted] before proceeding to the "Press" building. [redacted] did not go with the pickets on this occasion and gave the reasons he was afraid his wife would find out and he felt he was being watched by the police.

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In view of the foregoing, Bureau authority is requested for Cleveland Division to instruct [redacted] who is an [redacted] in Klavern No. [redacted] to discreetly foster discontent with [redacted] in the Klavern because of his failure to participate with them in the picketing, with the ultimate objective of having [redacted] ejected from the Klan.

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If approved, this action will be on a continuing basis with [] taking advantage of additional opportunities which may arise to undermine []. In addition, in conjunction with this action, Cleveland Division will determine the most effective time and method of having [] becoming aware of any continued activity on his part with the KLAN.

4/21/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
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ReBulet, 3/29/66, and MM airtel, 3/31/66, both captioned as above.

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Set forth below is identifying information concerning [redacted] and his [redacted] in the [redacted]

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[redacted] is a [redacted] for the [redacted] Cleveland, which is a firm engaged in [redacted]. He is a personal acquaintance of SA [redacted] of this office.

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During a conversation with [redacted] on September 6, 1962, he mentioned to SA [redacted] that he has a [redacted] residing at [redacted] Florida, whom he believes is connected in some manner with Cuban activities relating to the [redacted] Government.

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[redacted] identified his [redacted] as [redacted] who resides in [redacted] Florida, and who operates a [redacted] in [redacted]. He stated that his [redacted] is the "black sheep" of the family, and that when their mother died recently, [redacted] inquired if the Government was investigating him in Cleveland. At the time of subject's visit to Cleveland, it was evident to source that his [redacted] was in favor of the Government of [redacted] in view of his favorable comments.

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In addition, source related that one of his [redacted] a [redacted] who teaches at [redacted] Cleveland, was recently approached by a representative of the United States Government concerning the activities of the subject in relation to Cuba. Source related that his [redacted] the [redacted] could not recall the agency which this individual represented.

Source stated that he frequently received boxes of Cuban cigars which are sent to him by way of Mexico. He stated that these boxes of cigars do not contain any correspondence and further that he maintains no correspondence with his [redacted] but assumes that his [redacted] is responsible for sending him the cigars. He further related that during a recent visit with his [redacted] his [redacted] advised that he frequently makes trips to Cuba although he declined to give the purpose of his visits.

Source stated that subject was formerly married to a Cuban girl whom he subsequently divorced. He further noted that the subject is not a practicing [redacted] and that he scoffs at religion. Source did note that during World War II, the subject was an [redacted] with the [redacted] Division, and that during action in the Pacific, he was [redacted]

During his incarceration, he was mistreated by the Japanese Armed Forces and as a result, when he returned to the United States following World War II, he has carried the feeling that the world owes him a living.

Based on information furnished by the source, it was felt that the United States Government representative who contacted the [redacted] who is a [redacted] may have been a CIA representative. However, contact with [redacted] CIA, Cleveland, on September 6, 1962, revealed that they have no record concerning the subject.

The [redacted] family is prominent and highly regarded in [redacted] Ohio, an upper-middle class suburb of Cleveland.

As set out above, the [redacted] family considers the subject as the "black sheep" of the family and maintain no connections with him. Consequently, it appears the family could not exercise any pressure upon the subject; however, it appears pressure could be applied by subject's friends as a result of action recommended in referenced MM airtel.

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RADIOGRAM

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TO DIRECTOR
FROM CLEVELAND

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~~COMMUNIST PARTY, USA~~, COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS (DEACONS FOR
DEFENSE; MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB). BUFILE ONE FIFTY SEVEN DASH
NINE DASH ELEVEN. CLEVELAND FILE ONE FIFTY SEVEN DASH FIVE
ONE THREE.

CLEVELAND DIVISION IS IN POSSESSION OF A COPY OF A
LETTER BEING CIRCULATED UNDER LETTERHEAD OF THE LEGITIMATE
ASSOCIATION OF PROTESTANT CHURCHES IN THE CLEVELAND AREA, THE
COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF CHRIST OF GREATER CLEVELAND, SIGNED BY
[REDACTED], ANNOUNCING THE FORMATION OF A GROUP
CALLED QUOTE SUPPORT OUR YOUTH, UNQUOTE AS THE RESULT OF
DIALOGUES CONDUCTED BY [REDACTED] WITH PEOPLE FROM
THE JFK.HOUSE, CLEVELAND. THIS LETTER STATES JFK HOUSE WAS
OPENED SEPT. NINETEEN SIXTYFOUR, BY [REDACTED] AND OTHERS
AND WAS CLOSED IN FEB. NINETEEN SIXTYFIVE DUE TO LACK OF
FUNDS AND QUOTE POLICE HARASSMENT. UNQUOTE LETTER FURTHER
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STATES THE GROUP HAS DECIDED TO RAISE OVER ONE THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH TO BE GIVEN TO JFK HOUSE WITH NO STRINGS ATTACHED. LETTER CONCLUDES WITH AN APPEAL FOR PLEDGES OF AT LEAST TEN DOLLARS A MONTH AND IS BEING SENT TO PROTESTANT CHURCHES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL AS TO CIVIC GROUPS IN CLEVELAND AND SUBURBS.

b7C [] AND [] ARE BOTH REGARDED AS DISRUPTIVE INFLUENCES BY THE LEGITIMATE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT AND HAVE BEEN MILITANTLY ACTIVE IN RACIAL DEMONSTRATIONS AND CIVIL DISORDERS IN THE CLEVELAND AREA.

[] [] WAS [] FROM JOB WITH CITY OF CLEVELAND FOR [] IN

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[] STATED PURPOSE OF WHICH WAS PROTECTION OF CIVIL RIGHTS DEMONSTRATORS, CLAIMING POLICE WERE NOT PROTECTING THEM. [] OTHER LEADER OF JFK ALSO ON [] WHO IS SOLICITING ORGANIZATIONS PERSONALLY, HAS RECENTLY DECLARED IN A WJW TV TAPED INTERVIEW, NOT YET RELEASED, THAT HE IS [] OF DEACONS FOR DEFENSE, CLEVELAND, WHICH ORGANIZATION HE STATED IS ARMED TO PROTECT NEGROES AGAINST KKK AND POLICE, WHOM HE STATED ARE AGENTS OF KKK. [] HAS PREDICTED RIOTS IN CLEVELAND IN NINETEEN

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SIXTYSIX AND STATED FIRST ONES TO SUFFER WILL BE THE QUOTE
UNCLE TOM UNQUOTE NEGROES. [] HAS BEEN LIVING IN COMMON
LAW RELATIONSHIP WITH WOMAN WHO IS PREGNANT AND HAS PIMPED
OTHER WOMEN.

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RE POLICE HARASSMENT OF JFK HOUSE, IN NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR,
MORE THAN FIFTY BURGLARIES WERE SOLVED WITH ARREST OF YOUNG
NEGROES FROM JFK HOUSE WHO CONFESSED. IN NINETEEN SIXTY FIVE,
TWO YOUNG WHITE BOYS AND THEIR FATHER WERE BEATEN UP BY YOUNG
NEGROES. ONE ADULT AND ABOUT FOURTEEN YOUNG NEGROES FROM JFK
HOUSE WERE ARRESTED, AND ADMITTED GUILT IN SIGNED STATEMENTS.
JUST RECENTLY, ALTHOUGH JFK HOUSE CLOSED, POLICE FOUND YOUNG
MALE AND FEMALE MEMBERS HAD BROKEN IN AND WERE DRINKING AND
ENGAGING IN IMMORAL ACTIVITIES. ALL ABOVE MATTERS HANDLED BY
NEGRO POLICE OFFICERS.

BUREAU AUTHORITY REQUESTED TO FURNISH LEAD INFORMATION RE
FOREGOING TO []

[] WHO HAS BEEN USED
IN COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM IN PAST AND WHOSE RELIABILITY
AND DISCRETION ASSURED. AUTHORITY ALSO REQUESTED TO ALERT
SOURCES [] AND [] WHO HAVE ALSO BEEN
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USED IN THE PAST AND WHOSE RELIABILITY AND DISCRETION IS ASSURED SO THEY MAY ALERT PROTESTANT CLERGY VIA QUOTE GRAPEVINE UNQUOTE. CLEVELAND DIVISION BELIEVES SWIFT ACTION NECESSARY IN THIS MATTER TO PRECLUDE PLEDGES BEING MADE FOR SUPPORT OF FJK HOUSE BY UNSUSPECTING CHURCH GROUPS, IT BEING NOTED THAT LETTER BEING CIRCULARIZED DOES NOT GIVE TRUE PICTURE OF JFK HOUSE.

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APRIL 25, 1966

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TO: SAC, CLEVELAND

FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

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BUFILE 157-9-11

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM, INTERNAL SECURITY, DISRUPTION OF
HATE GROUPS, (DEACONS FOR DEFENSE; MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB).

REURAD APRIL 21 LAST.

AUTHORITY GRANTED TO FURNISH [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] CLEVELAND, INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RERAD FOR
PURPOSE OF EXPOSING ATTEMPT TO REBUILD JOMO FREEDOM KENYATTA HOUSE.
AUTHORITY ALSO GRANTED TO ALERT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] YOUR
RELIABLE SOURCES, SO THAT INFORMATION SET FORTH IN RERAD CAN BE
BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF PROTESTANT CLERGY, CLEVELAND, OHIO.
INSURE FBI INTEREST AFFORDED MAXIMUM PROTECTION AND ADVISE BUREAU
OF TANGIBLE RESULTS.

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CONDUCT APPROPRIATE INQUIRY REGARDING PREDICTION BY [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] THAT RIOTS WILL OCCUR IN CLEVELAND DURING 1966. SUBMIT SAME
IN FORM SUITABLE FOR DISSEMINATION AND KEEP LOCAL AUTHORITIES
ADVISED.

b7C

END

TOR: VIA TELETYPE - DECODED BY: DEC

If the intelligence contained in the above message is to be disseminated outside
the Bureau, it should be paraphrased in order to protect the Bureau's cryptographic systems

*Info being included
in LHM for 157-263.
PD has been advised. JH*

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AIRTEL

AIR MAIL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-594)(P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

Re CV airtel to Bureau, 4/27/66, captioned "NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN, INC. RM - KLAN," cc to AT.

In the 4/26/66, issue of "The Plain Dealer," a daily and Sunday morning newspaper published in CV, there appeared an article entitled "Klan's Venable to Speak Here." This article relates that JAMES R. VENABLE, imperial wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and president of the National Association of Klans has been booked to speak at the Civic Auditorium of Lakewood, Ohio (a suburb of CV) on Saturday, 5/7/66.

b7C According to the article, VENABLE is being sponsored by the National Christian Conservative Society, headed by [redacted] of [redacted], also a suburb of CV. The topic is to be "Communism in the Civil Rights Movement."

b7C In reviewing [redacted] file, CV Division has noted that records of the CV Retail Credit Men's Co., CV, checked in 12/65, reflect that as of 3/61, [redacted] owned a [redacted] at [redacted], a [redacted] at [redacted] and was purchasing a [redacted]

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[redacted] on [redacted] Of significance re the aforementioned addresses is the fact that they are located on the near west side of CV, which area logically would be the first to become integrated on the west side of CV.¹¹

Bureau authority is requested to furnish the above info to established source [redacted]

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[redacted] on [redacted] in connection with [redacted] appearance here, since this information points up a selfish motive on [redacted] part and would tend to discredit him. [redacted] has been used in the counter-intelligence program in the past and [redacted] discretion and reliability is assured by CV Division.

b7C

If the AT Division possesses any info of a public nature concerning [redacted] which might prove embarrassing to him in a [redacted] it is requested that it be submitted to the Bureau by AT for approval to be furnished to [redacted] under this program.

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Date 4/28/66

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Airtel

PERSONAL

Via _____

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	Birmingham	Jackson	New Orleans
	Charlotte	Jacksonville	Norfolk
	Cincinnati	Knoxville	Richmond
	✓ Cleveland	Little Rock	Savannah
	Columbia	Memphis	Tampa

JEH From: Director, FBI

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN ✓
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Remylet 3/7/66.

You are being forwarded under separate cover a supply of three different postal cards to be mailed by your office anonymously to a selected number of known Klan members. The supply of cards furnished is approximately equal to the number of individuals you indicated are present klansmen in your territory for whom you had a residence or business address.

The Bureau is not suggesting that these cards be sent to each of the klansmen whose addresses you have and it is being left to your discretion as to the extent of coverage you desire. In some areas where there are fewer klansmen, total coverage may be desirable. In other areas you may want to cover only a portion of the Klan members. The Bureau feels, however, that sufficient distribution should be made of the cards to insure that considerable Klan attention is drawn to them and that they will thus have the opportunity to serve the disruptive purpose for which they are intended.

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Airtel to Atlanta et al.
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN

As you will note upon receipt of the cards, they question the secrecy of the klansman's membership and also question the use by Klan leaders of Klan funds. The Bureau feels these are two points in which the Klan organizations are quite vulnerable.

Obviously, it would serve no purpose to send a card of this nature to the top Klan leaders who are publicly identified as such and who are themselves the ones who might be suspected of misusing Klan funds. Other Klan members have also been publicly identified and would have no fear of additional public disclosure.

Every precaution must be taken to insure that the source of these cards remains anonymous and that any possible connection with the FBI is avoided. You should insure that there is no widespread discussion of these cards among clerical or Agent personnel and that only a limited number of individuals necessary for their preparation and distribution are aware of this program. The cards should be prepared by your office by addressing them by hand or on an older typewriter which does not have the business style type. If prepared by typewriter, insure that no typewriter used for outside correspondence is used in preparing these addresses since the Klan may attempt to obtain specimens of Bureau correspondence for comparison purposes. Also, if addressed by hand, block printing or some other change in normal handwriting should be made to avoid any possibility of comparison with normal handwriting of Bureau employees. However, changes in handwriting should not be so extreme as to show an obvious effort to disguise.

A four-cent stamp should be affixed and no return address should be shown. The cards should be dropped in outlying mailboxes, but none should be mailed from headquarters city or from a Resident Agency city. The mailing should be spread over the period of a month for each card and only a small number should be mailed at one time or at one place. Every effort must be made to avoid giving the Post Office officials the impression of a mass mailing. If an office feels it is desirable to do so, a portion of the cards may be prepared and sent to a neighboring office for sporadic mailing from an entirely different territory.

Airtel to Atlanta et al.
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN

To obtain maximum benefit, you should consider mailing the cards to the klansman's business address and in some instances also to his residence since the former will tend to publicly identify him as a klansman, and the latter may cause dissension in his family. You must be certain that this mailing is limited to those individuals who have been positively identified as Klan members. One card should be selected for mailing during each of the next three months. When the mailing of each card is completed, you should advise the Bureau under the above caption of the total number of cards mailed that month.

Informants are not to be advised regarding the mailing of these cards but you should be alert to any information volunteered by informants regarding the cards and advise of any positive results achieved.

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Date 5/3/66

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✓ To: SAC, Cleveland (157-594)

From: Director, FBI (157-9-11)

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

ReCVairtel 4-27-66 captioned "Counterintelligence Program-Klan; Racial Matters-Klan."

Atlanta immediately submit to Cleveland public source information only regarding James R. Venable, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

Cleveland is authorized to confidentially furnish

[redacted] the information set forth in relet pertaining to [redacted] who has arranged for James R. Venable to speak at the Civic Auditorium, Lakewood, Ohio, on May 7, 1966.

Upon receipt of public source data from Atlanta, Cleveland is also authorized to confidentially furnish same to [redacted] to be utilized by [redacted] as [redacted] attacking not only [redacted] but also Venable.

Insure that maximum protection is given to the FBI interest in this matter, and keep the Bureau currently advised of tangible results attained.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (100-3-104-11)

May 4, 1966

SAC, CLEVELAND (100-23089) (P)

COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.
COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
IS-C
(GUS HALL)

Re Bureau letter to Cincinnati, 4-8-66 and Cincinnati letter to Bureau, 4-21-66.

b7C Cleveland Division has been maintaining liaison with [redacted] Subversive Squad, Cleveland Police Department, for the purpose of causing HALL's arrest on the basis of his illegal use of an Ohio residential address in renewing his Ohio Operator's license.

b7C On May 3, 1966, [redacted] advised he has consulted with his Chief and the Police Prosecutor in this regard, maintaining the Bureau's interest confidential. [redacted] stated he has persuaded the Chief and the Prosecutor that they should proceed in this matter; however, the Prosecutor told him that if [redacted] has a business address and comes back to Cleveland periodically, the case may be a weak one. [redacted] added he is making his own checks in that regard.

b7C [redacted] stated that in any event, as soon as he receives a written reply from the Bureau of Motor Vehicles, Columbus, Ohio, in answer to his own check on HALL's license, he will press this matter for authorization to arrest HALL.

As instructed by the Bureau, Cleveland Division will be alert to submit appropriate recommendations to insure publicity is received if and when HALL is arrested.

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It is noted that during this contact, [redacted] stated liaison with Cleveland Division in this matter has given him other ideas as a result of which he, on his own, secured authorization from the Police Prosecutor to proceed against [redacted] a leader in the Revolutionary Action Movement (RAM) in Cleveland, for registering an automobile under a false name.

5/4/66

AIRTEL

b7C

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

ReBureau teletype, 4/25/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau are 3 newspaper articles concerning this matter, which appeared in recent issues of "The Plain Dealer," a daily and Sunday morning newspaper published in Cleveland, Ohio.

The first article, entitled "Church Official Asks Aid for JFK House," [redacted] appeared on page one of the 4/22/66 issue of "The Plain Dealer." The second article, entitled "JFK House Should Stay Closed," appeared as the [redacted] in the 4/23/66 issue of that newspaper. The third article, entitled "JACKSON Attacks Leadership - Drive For JFK House Assailed," [redacted] appeared on page one of the 4/25/66 issue of "The Plain Dealer."

Referenced Bureau teletype authorized Cleveland to furnish [redacted] lead information set forth in Cleveland radiogram, 4/21/66, for the purpose of exposing the attempt to rebuild the Jomo Freedom Kenyatta House (JFK House) and thus alert the Protestant clergy which was being solicited for pledges for financial support on a

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continuing basis. As set forth in Cleveland radiogram, 4/21/66, the attempt of a disruptive influence in the legitimate civil rights movement to reopen the JFK House came to the attention of the Cleveland Division through a letter being circulated under the letterhead of a legitimate association of Protestant Churches in the Cleveland area, which, as set out in one of the newspaper articles, it had not officially endorsed.

b7C A copy of this letter was furnished to the Cleveland Division by established source [redacted] who has been used in the counterintelligence program in the past. As a result of his past experience in the counterintelligence program, [redacted] also made a copy available to [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] is known to [redacted] Unknown to [redacted] is the fact that [redacted]

[redacted] As a result of receiving a copy of the letter, [redacted] began working on the [redacted] immediately, results of which appear in the [redacted]

b7C On 4/25/66, [redacted] advised [redacted] learned that as a result of the articles, numerous Protestant clergymen and organizations were no longer considering making pledges or supporting the reopening of the JFK House in any manner. In addition, the Cleveland Businessmen's Interracial Committee cancelled an intended donation of \$15,000. Former Cleveland Division SAC [redacted] who is now [redacted] of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, confirmed the foregoing and is disseminating the information in the articles to prominent businessmen and organizations in the Cleveland area.

Cleveland will keep the Bureau advised of further developments and follow up newspaper articles in this matter.

b7C As instructed in retel, additional inquiry has been made regarding the prediction by [redacted] that riots will occur in Cleveland during 1966. Local authorities have been advised and information developed is being submitted in form suitable for dissemination under caption "Possible Racial Violence in Major Urban Areas" (Bufile 157-6-11).

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Church Official Asks Aid for JFK House

By DORIS O'DONNELL

Rev Charles W Rawlings, executive director of the Metropolitan Affairs Commission of the Council of Churches of Christ of Greater Cleveland, has written a four-page letter soliciting money for the controversial JFK House at 8801 Superior Avenue NE

Goal of the fund-raising is the reopening of the storefront, teen-age center in the Hough area, which has been closed since January for nonpayment of rent and other financial difficulties

The JFK House was founded by Lewis G Robinson in September, 1964, several months after he was fired from a job as a Cleveland housing inspector

ROBINSON HAS BEEN closely identified with civil rights movements. His youth club has received unfavorable publicity because of complaints of rowdy activities

Some of its members have faced court appearances for offenses not related to the club

The Rev Mr Rawlings, in seeking funds from a hand-picked group of 50 suburbanites, described the JFK House as symbolizing "the hostility between police and the Negro community . . ."

The Rev Mr Rawlings said the effort to finance the JFK House through a "Support Our Youth" program grew out of meetings between youths using JFK House and white suburban adults and youths

THE REV. PAUL YOUNGER, also a staff member of the Metropolitan Affairs Commission, organized the dialogues. He also has been an ardent civil rights member

The Rev Mr Rawlings said a communication gap exists between the two community groups and this was a key factor in supporting the center, whose initials stand for both John Fitzgerald Kennedy and Jomo "K'freedom" Kenyatta, an African leader.

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"Many professional students of social problems," the Rev Mr Rawlings wrote in the letter, "have encouraged us to believe that the effort at communication and supportive relationship is worthwhile."

The Rev Mr Rawlings said the fund-raising project is the work of an "ad hoc committee of laymen who are attempting to do things that the institutionalized church won't do."

THE PROJECT "Support Our Youth" is not officially endorsed by the council of Churches of Christ, the Rev. Mr. Rawlings said, but

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"everybody in the council knows it's going on." Stationery of the council was used.

The executive committee of the ad hoc group consists of Kenneth McGee, Mrs. Fred J. Ball, Harold Weinstein, Herbert Perry, and Mrs. Hailey King.

"We've received financial support from people who have taken part in the dialogues," The Rev Mr Rawlings said. "No funds are from the council. We think we are building effective communication lines."

HE SAID that so far no other programs have been adequate to meet the hostilities of groups such as JFK House regulars.

He said of the JFK House that "we've had indications of black nationalist sentiments. But I see black nationalism in unorganized terms."

The Rev Mr Rawlings said his group believes the program's success hinges on continuing the present leadership at the JFK House and by working out constructive relationships with the police department, Juvenile Court and industry. With industry, the goal is a job training and placement arrangement, he said.

The Rev Mr Rawlings estimated the JFK House needs and adults in connection with \$1,062 monthly to operate, which includes token salaries picked up by Cleveland police for Robinson and Robinson's at the JFK house. At that time, Robinson was also arrested. These include Haillet Robert Jones, a city sanitation department employee who were making arrests.

The Rev B Bruce Whittemore, executive secretary of the Council of Churches, said Rawlings wrote the fund-raising letter "as an individual," not as head of the Metro Affairs Commission.

THE COUNCIL OF churches succeeded the former Cleveland Area Church Federation in 1964. The council differs from the old 53-year-old federation in that its board of trustees is named by nine Protestant denominations.

Among the unfavorable attention laid to the JFK House was rowdiness growing out of a party last February in the club's quarters. Of 14 arrested, 13 were juveniles.

The club was closed at the time for nonpayment of rent when the gang of young adults broke in and raised a commotion.

IN MARCH, four East Side youths were found delinquent in the beating of a white father and his two sons near E 86th Street and Superior Avenue. The beating took place in January. Police

The Rev Rawlings said his group recognizes the risk of criticism for its involvement with JFK but added that no one else is doing anything for the hostile youth of the ghetto.

He quoted one suburban supporter of the JFK operation, including JFK leadership, as saying: "This is not my ideal choice for a ball game, but it happens to be the only one going."

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JFK House Should Stay Closed

The fund drive to reopen JFK House with Lewis G. Robinson as its head is an example of irresponsible interference by those who ought to know better.

The unwholesome influence the place has exerted over youngsters frequenting it is an irrefutable argument to keep it closed.

Robinson's attitude toward law enforcement is a poor example to set before adolescents needing an inspirational adult image and a conduct pattern.

Under Robinson's leadership the place has been a hangout and hideaway for juveniles in trouble and a place of disorder requiring almost constant police attention.

The Rev. Charles W. Rawlings, who is promoting the fund drive, suggests the house presents a means of closing a communication gap. This is nonsense. As the Rev. Mr. Rawlings should know, it did not accomplish its purpose in the past. To the contrary, it incited hostility between police and a segment of the community.

As the Rev. Mr. Rawlings also should

know, the vesting of Robinson with the prestige of ministerial support and financial endowment gives him a stature to which nothing in his record entitles him.

JFK House is at 8801 Superior Avenue. At 8119 Wade Park Avenue is the PAL Center operated by the Police Athletic League and providing wholesome activities for the youth of the neighborhood.

Contributions to this center are tax deductible.

It is a place where youngsters can associate with police officers and develop friendships with them.

The league is now working on a plan to procure funds from the poverty program to establish 10 centers, all supervised by police and providing sports, counselling and other activities for neighborhood youngsters.

The centers are a commendable project with a potential for a major contribution to the community's well-being. The JFK House is not, and the Rev. Mr. Rawlings should get himself another interest.

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Jackson Attacks Leadership

Drive for JFK House Assailed

By DORIS O'DONNELL

Councilman Leo A. Jackson, D-24, last night criticized the action of white ministerial leaders and suburbanites who have launched a fund-raising drive to reopen the controversial JFK House.

"My reaction to news that a group is going to sponsor the reopening of the place was first incredulity and then amazement," Jackson said.

Jackson referred to a move by the Rev. Charles W. Rawlings, executive director of a Metropolitan Affairs Commission of the Council of Churches of Christ of Greater Cleveland.

THE REV. MR. Rawlings recently wrote to about 50 suburbanites interested in interracial affairs, asking for \$10-a-month pledges to raise more than \$1,000 monthly to support the JFK House at 8801 Superior Avenue N.E.

The store front recreation center has been closed since January because of nonpayment of rent and other financial difficulties. Complaints of rowdiness were made against several persons who frequented it.

JFK House was founded in 1964 by Lewis G. Robinson, who was dismissed as a city housing inspector. Robinson has been closely identified with civil rights activities.

Robinson has said that the center was named in honor of Jomo (Freedom) Kenyatta, first premier of Kenya, and the late President John F. Kennedy.

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"I WISH THAT we in the Negro community could select some of the leadership," Jackson said. "We would be inclined to suggest that some of the leaders be kept for the white community because some of this leadership we can do without."

"Anytime the influence of outside leadership reflects itself in rats being thrown on the steps of City Hall, it doesn't help our community. We want leadership from the outside, but I like to see responsible Negro ministers have a chance to react to it. I'd like to see if responsible Negro leadership would support the suggestion of reopening the JFK House. I don't believe it would."

"I HAVE GREAT respect for ministers such as the Rev. Harry B. Taylor, the Rev. John Bruere and Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld and John F. Stafford, principal of Glenville High School. Such leadership projected into the Negro community has been a benefit."

"I believe some recreation must be provided," Jackson said, "but not in

the climate and under the leadership JFK has provided. The leadership was not conducive to giving discipline or respect for the law or respect by youngsters for adults."

Jackson said the Rev. Mr. Rawlings indicated the youths in the Superior-Hough Avenue area were acting out their hostilities against the white community. Jackson says this is not true.

THE RECORD OF crime Jackson said, shows the victims are mostly Negroes, but that mostly stable, striving Negroes are affected.

"It doesn't take much courage for a white person to recommend the continuance of such activity as the JFK House, where the acts of hostility are against Negroes," he said.

"I would like to see aid given to the expansion of PAL (Police Athletic League), or an expansion of the unit of the YMCA or some auxiliary of the YMCA in this area."

"Thus kind of recreation provides discipline and responsibility."

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)
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(MEGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

Re CV airtel, 5/4/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau is one copy of an editorial which appeared in the 5/7/66 issue of the "Call and Post", concerning the proposed reopening of the Jomo Freedom House in CV.

The "Call and Post" is a weekly Negro newspaper published in CV, O.

Bureau will be kept advised of future developments, in this matter.

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Some Plain Talk About The Kennedy-Kenyatta House

The Reverends Charles Rawlings and Paul Younger, two white ministers who have been active in Cleveland's civil rights struggle, have seized leadership in the effort to persuade a number of white suburbanites and a few professional Negroes that "JFK" House deserves their support.

According to Lewis Robinson, a zealous, determined, entirely sincere young Negro, whose immaturity led him into the ill-advised proposal that a gun-club was the end answer to Cleveland's mounting racial tensions, these well-meaning suburbanites have been told that JFK House (a name derived from John F. Kennedy and Jomo Kenyatta) is a project designed as a neighborhood "operation bootstrap."

At other times, we have been told that JFK House was designed to "bring the kids in off the streets and let them know that somebody cares." The inference was that the youngsters would find here wholesome recreation and the kind of adult guidance that would prompt them to become better citizens through the acquisition of broader values and a quest for additional productive skills.

Unfortunately, under Robinson's guidance, it developed into a place where teen-agers gathered and milled around looking for something to do. Their most widely publicized activity turned out to be an unprovoked attack on two white persons who happened to encounter them in "their territory." Even though the Center has stoutly disclaimed any responsibility for the attacks, it has never, among a large segment of Cleveland's Negro population, completely absolved itself of some strong suspicions that one of the end products of JFK House might not have been an intensification of their angers and hatreds of a white power structure which has subjected "Our Mr. Robinson" to some excessive retaliation for his openly-expressed disfavor with segregation discrim-

Certainly Robinson and his sponsors are aware that JFK House is not needed as a recreation center. The area around it or within easy reach of the youngsters it purports to serve, abound with such centers, among them Addison Road YMCA, The Bell Center, Glenville YMCA, Cedar YMCA, Fairfax Recreation Center, and scores of school buildings which can be used if sufficient citizen interest and citizen volunteers are coralled.

There is also some doubt in our minds of the basic philosophy behind JFK House, and that of both the Reverends Rawlings and Younger. Before either became widely known for their militant views in racial matters, there is little evidence that they held substantial positions of leadership in their own white world. It may be ingratitude of the first magnitude for Negroes generally to suspect the motives of some of their white friends who strive so zealously not so much to HELP as to LEAD Negroes along the path to equal opportunity and dignity.

Other white ministerial leaders, Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, have made large contributions in the area of race relations by using the positions of leadership and respect they have earned in the white world to change the climate in suburbia, and in their own congregations, for acceptance of the Negro on a level of equality and to see that he is accorded equal justice in the courts and in the market place.

Certainly the Negro youngster needs no lessons in hate, growing out of misunderstanding of the forces that have fenced him into the crowded ghetto and placed him at the end of the line at the hiring hall.

Until we have a clearer picture of what he will learn at JFK House--and who will teach him, we shall remain reluctant to give it our unqualified approval. Certainly as a vehicle upon which the Reverends Rawlings and Younger expect to enhance their reputations as "saviors of the Negro," we, thus far, strongly disapprove its encouragement.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Cleveland (157-513)

DATE: 5/4/66

✓ FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-11)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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ReCVairtel 4-11-66 captioned as above.

Information developed by your office has established that [redacted] Klavern No. [redacted] National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, (NKKKK) Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, is most sensitive of the fact that he has been recently and publicly identified as a Klansman. [redacted] is also attempting to conceal his continued Klan activities from his wife who is in opposition to same.

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In attempting to conceal his activities, [redacted] has evidently curtailed his Klan activities to the point that he should be the recipient of hard criticism from fellow Klan leaders.

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In order that [redacted] be criticized to the point that his expulsion from Klavern No. [redacted] would result, you are authorized to direct the activities of [redacted] an established informant, in a manner which will point up to other Klan leaders, [redacted] cowardice and fear in reference to Klan activities. This should be done by instructing [redacted] to adroitly highlight [redacted] deficiencies so that the entire leadership of Klan No. [redacted] will eventually line up against [redacted]

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Insure that the direction of [redacted] is consistent with the security and future productivity of that informant.

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In the event that this measure does not result in the expulsion of [redacted] from the Klan, submit further recommendations in this matter.

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Keep the Bureau informed of tangible results noted. You are encouraged to continue the submission of imaginative suggestions which are aimed at the disruption of Klan and hate groups in your area.

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Klansmen Do 'Some Good,' Venable Tells HUAC Panel

By MARGARET SHANNON
Atlanta Journal Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16 — By his mount, James R. Venable, a lawyer and sometime Mountain and Atlanta Klansmen a Ku Klux Klansman, the son or another for 42.

But he was asked at a House American Activities subcommittee hearing Tuesday what good the Klan has done all he could think of was a hospital built in 1923—a year before he joined — and some baskets he heard were distributed to some colored folks in Ohio.

Now, at 61 and a Ku Kluxer since age 19 Venable is imperial wizard of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan and has for three years been what he calls "temporary" chairman of a National Association of Klans.

But wizard Venable was able to tell the subcommittee the location of only two klaverns of his own Klan and chairman Venable was unsure of the names of member organizations of the association.

KLANS MEMBERS, he said,

are "like filling stations—they pop up and then they disappear."

Venable, a lawyer and sometime Klan klansman, told the subcommittee he didn't know there were so many different klans until he attended some of the subcommittee hearings.

He said he joined the Klan in 1924 when its head was Dr. Hiram Evans. After that Klan's charter was dissolved, he went from one group to another as they came and went.

"I have always tried to be friendly to all of them," he said. One way he showed his friendship was by making a pasture at Stone Mountain available for Klan events.

His efforts to be a friend to klansmen have produced one notable failure. He said he has asked the United Klans of America to meet at Tucker with the national association, but it has not done so.

The UKA, headed by Robert

M. Shelton of Tuscaloosa, Ala., is the largest Klan organization in the country today.

"I HAD the misfortune to call him, and he would never come to Atlanta," Venable said.

Now the association doesn't want the UKA. Venable said some association members accuse the UKA of "trying to cut into other Klan groups and steal membership."

The association "wouldn't accept them, and I don't think Shelton would ever accept us," Venable said.

Venable said that so far as he knew, the association never really put into operation its policy of exchanging information about undesirable klansmen who should be dismissed or barred from membership.

He said that if a klansman was banished in one state, the KKK leaders there were supposed to send the information to him so he could read it at the next national convention.

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JAMES R. VENABLE
Testifying in Washington

since he was "temporary" chairman

WHEN the klansmen convened in Tucker, however, he said, "we would feed the delegates, and I would be in there helping serve and somebody else would preside."

"I never heard of any action being taken," he said.

The National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan was chartered in DeKalb County in 1963, with Venable; H. G. Hill, 461 Moreland Ave., Atlanta, and Wally

Butterworth, Stone Mountain, as incorporators, according to records introduced at the hearing.

Butterworth was listed on a registration form filed with the Georgia secretary of state as general manager of the national knights. Venable was asked about this.

"Well, he would answer the phone," Venable said.

Venable would not say flatly that Butterworth is a klansman because, he said, he never saw him initiated as one. But he finally admitted that he signed a Klan membership card for Butterworth.

HIS BIG venture with Butterworth, according to his testimony, was the Defensive Legion of Registered Americans.

He said Butterworth "approached me and wanted to make some tapes and phonograph records." Butterworth was a former broadcaster, he said.

Venable said the venture "cost me lots of money. It was a losing proposition."

"We gave away a lot of records, and some were broken," Venable said.

He was asked if he reported the losses for income tax purposes.

"I never did do it," he said. "I felt I owed it to my race and my country."

One endeavor of the legion

was the Christian Voters and Buyers League, which Venable described as a trade name owned by the legion.

The league put out a book "exposing the Kosher food racket," Venable said.

He said some manufacturers "put certain ingredients for the Jewish race" into products. "Like pork and beans, they take out the pork," he said.

Red-faced and with voice rising to a shout, Venable said the "Kosher food racket" was "used indirectly to support a religious faith in violation of the constitution."

"Many products, he said, 'had the little k on it'—for Kosher. 'Even tinfoil—it had a little k,' Venable said.

"I'm gonna tell you something," Rep. Joe R. Pool, D-Texas, said to Venable. "I kinda like Kosher pickle better than the regular kind."

EARLIER, Phil Manuel, an investigator for the Un-American Activities Subcommittee, said dynamite taken in a milk can from Georgia to Ohio was loaded at a farm near Barnesville owned by John Max Mitchell.

Mitchell, called as a witness, denied that any dynamite had been stored at his farm. He also said he knew nothing of any dynamite being loaded there.

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Size of the Klan? Wizard 'Wonders'

Constitution Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — James R. Venable of Stone Mountain, Ga., a long-time Klan leader, testified Tuesday that he had been searching for a year within the Invisible Empire for his "imperial kingdom."

Venable told the House Un-American Activities Committee that he doesn't know anybody much in his Klan, doesn't know the location of Klaverns and has no idea about the size of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan.

He is Imperial wizard or pres-

ident of the National Knights.

When the 61-year-old lawyer was asked to estimate the number of members in his Klan organization, he said "Couldn't tell you. That's what I've been trying to find out myself for the past year."

"LIKE FILLING STATIONS"

Rep. Joe Pool, D-Tex., asked, "You are the imperial wizard but you don't know what your imperial kingdom is?" Venable replied, "That's right. Klan members are like filling stations. They pop up and then they disappear."

The Georgia Klan leader said he had no knowledge of Cecil Myers and Joseph Howard Sims, two Athens, Ga., men acquitted of a charge of murdering Col. Lemuel Penn, being members of the national knights.

Pool asked if he would repudiate Myers and Sims if he learned they were members.

"Yes, sir," replied Venable. "If they are members of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, I banish them here and now."

BOYCOTT LIST

Venable also "retracted" on the witness stand the publication of a letter encouraging the boycott of a long list of companies. The letter cited Jewish interests in the company as the reason for not buying products manufactured by the firms.

The list was drawn up by Wally Butterworth, who was formerly affiliated with Venable in anti-Jewish and KKK organi-

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zations in DeKalb County, according to the klan leader.

Venable said he signed the letter listing the companies, but that Butterworth selected the firms from a directory.

Venable said he and Butterworth split relationships because of Butterworth's "bitter tongue."

Earlier, Venable said he and Butterworth published a book to expose "kosher food."

Venable told the committee he felt that Jewish-controlled firms were putting kosher ingredients in and were deleting other ingredients—such as taking pork out of pork and beans—and forcing

ing "taxpayers" to subsidize "the Jewish religion."

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Pool asked, "Are you trying to tell me that if I buy a can of fish on Friday, I am supporting the Catholic religion?"

Venable replied, "There's a difference." The klan leader did not retract his statements about kosher food.

Investigator Phil Manuel attempted to question Venable about activities of the National Knights in Ohio, but Venable repeatedly replied he knew nothing about KKK operations in that state.

Venable told the committee that the purpose of today's klan "is to keep the races separate. To keep the nigger black and the white race white, but to give them equal protection."

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An earlier witness, John Max Mitchell of Barnesville, Ga., denied dynamite was ever stored on his farm and said he knew nothing of a shipment of dynamite from Georgia to Columbus, Ohio, last year.

Mitchell invoked constitutional protection in refusing to answer other questions about klan activity in the Barnesville and Crawfordville, Ga., areas.

The committee also questioned Colbert Raymond McGriff, 21, formerly of the Atlanta area and now of Dothan, Ala., Marlan Price of Atlanta and Curtis A. King of Atlanta about klan activity in Georgia.

The three refused to answer questions on constitutional grounds.

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Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 5/3/66.

Enclosed for Cleveland is one copy of article appearing in the "Atlanta Journal", a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia, which was published, 2/16/66. Also enclosed is one copy of article appearing in the "Atlanta Constitution", 2/16/66, the "Atlanta Constitution" is also a daily newspaper published in Atlanta, Georgia.

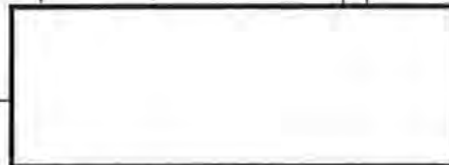
The enclosed articles concern the testimony of JAMES R. VENABLE, Imperial Wizard, National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Inc., before the HCUA. The articles indicate that VENABLE has very little control over his organization. The clipping from the "Atlanta Constitution" on page two reflects that VENABLE repeatedly replied to questions that he knew nothing about klan operations in Ohio.

There is very little public source information concerning VENABLE which would appear to be useful in a manner described in the Cleveland airtel of 4/27/66. However, it is felt that information as furnished in that Cleveland airtel along with the lack of leadership or professed lack of knowledge by VENABLE of the activities of his organization in Ohio.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, JACKSON (157-640)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
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Re Bureau airtel to offices indicated below dated 4/28/66

For the information of the Bureau, the Jackson Division mailed 13 of the postcards in connection with this program to known Klansmen in Hattiesburg, Miss., during the month of May. Subsequently, on 5/23 and 24/66, five individuals of Hattiesburg, Miss., contacted the Resident Agency at Hattiesburg and exhibited pink postcards similar to those in this program in that they were printed on pink postcard type material with what appears to be an exact duplication of the message and characterization on those cards sent to Klansmen. They were postmarked Hattiesburg, Miss., 5/24/66 and were addressed by typewriter as were those sent to Klansmen.

A comparison of the postcards furnished by the Bureau with those received by the five individuals above indicates that the

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[redacted] West Brothers Trucking Co.
[redacted] Attorney-at-Law

[redacted] furnished the names of two other individuals who reportedly received these card, however, they have not contacted the Bureau. Their names are [redacted] of [redacted], and [redacted], former [redacted] of Hattiesburg. None of the above seven individuals are known to have any connection with the Klan. It is noted that three of the Klansmen who received cards from the Bureau are either employed or connected in some way with three of the above seven individuals.

There has not been reported from any other source in the Jackson Division a similar activity on the part of the Klan subsequent to the implementation of this program.

Enclosed for the Bureau are two of the postcards in question. The FBI Laboratory is requested to examine the enclosed postcards to determine the type of typewriter used and the technique of copying the printed material and advise Jackson for future reference.

In view of the above, the June and July mailing of cards as originally planned in Hattiesburg will be suspended, UACB. UACB, Jackson will suspend future mailing of cards in this program in any city where this may develop. Jackson will follow and keep Bureau advised of any similar incident along this line, however, no investigation is being instituted in this regard.

One copy of this communication being furnished other divisions involved in this program for information.

DIRECTOR, FBI

June 1, 1966

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-594) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReBuairtel, 4-28-66, captioned as above.

During May, 1966, postal cards questioning the secrecy of the Klansman's membership were mailed anonymously to nine identified Klan members.

Mailings will be continued per Bureau instructions in referenced airtel

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The aforementioned anonymous mailings were made to the following:

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

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SAC, CLEVELAND (157-594) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

Re Bureau airtel to Cleveland, 5/3/66, and
Atlanta airtel to Cleveland, 5/11/66, cc. to Bureau.

On May 6, 1966, the Cleveland Division confidentially
furnished [redacted] "The Plain Dealer",
a daily and Sunday morning newspaper published in Cleveland,
Ohio, the information set forth in Cleveland airtel to
Bureau, April 27, 1966, pertaining to [redacted]
[redacted] Ohio, who arranged for JAMES R. VENABLE to
speak at the Civic Auditorium, Lakewood, Ohio, on May 7, 1966.

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On May 16, 1966, [redacted] was furnished
pertinent data submitted by the Atlanta Division with referenced
Atlanta airtel. [redacted] stated that from this lead
material [redacted] would attempt to formulate a [redacted] attacking
VENABLE and [redacted]

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The Bureau will be advised of any tangible results.

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Date: 6/1/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (157-703)

SUBJECT: ✓ COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Bureau airtel to Offices indicated below dated 4/28/66 and Jackson airtel to Bureau dated 5/27/66.

On 5/20/66, 19 postcards were prepared and mailed to known Klan members within the City of Houston.

On 5/31/66, [redacted] advised that at a meeting of State Officers of the UKA, Inc., at Beaumont, Texas, on 5/29/66, [redacted] for the State of Texas announced that many of the Ku Klux Klan members in Houston had received a pink card through the mail portraying them to be Klan members.

[redacted] advised to combat whoever is sending these out he has placed an order for 4,000 duplicate cards which will be mailed to prominent citizens, city and county officials,

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1 - Columbia (Info)(RM)	1 - Savannah (Info)(RM)
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and police departments in the cities where Klan members are receiving these cards. [] indicated the order for these cards had been placed in Beaumont, Texas.

[] indicated he hoped by mailing the cards publicity would result from those receiving the cards and Ku Klux Klan members, if questioned by any persons seeing the cards received by the Klan members, could point to the fact that the Mayor, Chief of Police, etc., also received the card.

The Houston Division is alerting the Chief of Police WILLIE BAUER, (NA), Beaumont, Texas, of [] plan to mail the cards without disclosing interest of the Bureau in the cards to Chief BAUER.

UACB, the Houston Division will not mail additional cards until it is determined whether or not [] has put his plan in operation. Bureau will be kept advised of all developments.

Routing Slip
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(Copies to Offices Checked)

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☐ Anchorage
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Date 6/2/66

RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents
☐ Enclosed are corrected pages from report of SA _____ dated _____

Remarks.

Reurairtel 5/5/66. Advise by return letter if you have any additional notable accomplishments other than already furnished in this matter.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

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SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

ReCVairtels, 5/4 and 5/66.

Recent additional developments in this matter since the submission of reCVairtels are as set forth below.

[redacted] "The Plain Dealer", a daily and Sunday morning newspaper published in Cleveland, has interviewed [redacted] a [redacted] of the Jomo Freedom Kanyatta House (JFK House). During this interview, [redacted] admitted he is [redacted] of Deacons for Defense, Cleveland, which he stated was formed to protect Negroes against the Ku Klux Klan and the police, whom [redacted] stated are agents of the KKK. [redacted] also admitted he is living with a girl to whom he is not married and who is pregnant by him, and he bragged that he has done this with other girls in the past. [redacted] again predicted racial violence in Cleveland (as previously disseminated). [redacted] has also interviewed [redacted] former landlord and the mother of the girl with whom he is living.

[redacted] and [redacted] are hold^{ing} this story in reserve to use as a reply to any claims or publicity favorable to the JFK House. Numerous ministers and lay officials of Protestant churches and organizations in the Cleveland area have telephoned "The Plain Dealer" for verbal verification of the info published re the JFK House, and they have stated that as a result they would consider unfavorably any solicitations that they may or have already received in behalf of the JFK House.

Former Cleveland Division SAC [redacted] who is now [redacted] of the [redacted] has

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disseminated copies of the Cleveland Negro newspaper "Call and Post" editorial condemning the JFK House, a copy of which was previously furnished to the Bureau, to additional businessmen and organizations in the Cleveland area. [redacted] stated this has resulted in additional funds being cut off from the JFK House.

The JFK House was reopened by [redacted] and [redacted] several weeks ago, but it remains to be seen how long they can survive, since they have lost community support and a great deal of their anticipated financial support has been cut off.

REPORT
of theFEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: FBI, Jackson (157-640)

Date June 9, 1966

Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
KLAN RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

FBI File No. 157-9-54-30

Lab No. D-507821 BS

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Specimens received 5/31/66

Q1 Post card postmarked "HATTIESBURG, MS 39401 MAY 21 PM 1966" bearing typewritten address [redacted] Hattiesburg, Miss." bearing printed message on reverse side beginning "KLANSMAN TRYING TO HIDE YOUR..."

Q2 Post card postmarked "HATTIESBURG, MS 39401 MAY 21 PM 1966" bearing typewritten address [redacted] Hattiesburg, Miss." bearing printed message on reverse side beginning "KLANSMAN TRYING TO HIDE YOUR..."

Result of examination:

Because of the limited nature of the typewriting and the indistinct impressions in the names and addresses appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2, it was not possible to determine the manufacturer of the typewriter used to prepare these specimens.

It was concluded that the cartoon and accompanying text on specimens Q1 and Q2 were prepared by an offset printing process.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are retained in the Laboratory for future comparisons. No photographs have been made.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: **FBI, Jackson (157-640)**

Date: **June 9, 1966**

Re: **COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM -
KLAN RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)**

J. Edgar Hoover
John Edgar Hoover, Director

FBI File No. **157-9-54-30**
Lab. No. **D-507821 BS**

Examination requested by: **Jackson**

Reference: **Airtel 5/27/66**

Examination requested: **Document**

Remarks:

For your assistance in identifying additional cards which have been printed from the plate used to prepare specimens Q1 and Q2, it should be noted that specimens Q1 and

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Q2 measure 5.55 inches by 3.53 inches with a thickness of .010 of an inch, while the specimen from which Q1 and Q2 were made measures 5.50 inches by 3.50 inches and has a thickness of .009 of an inch.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are printed on a salmon colored paper stock whereas the specimens used in this program have been printed on a paper stock having a truer pink color and the difference in color is immediately apparent.

Furthermore, in the preparation of the photographically produced plate which was used in the printing of specimens Q1 and Q2, there appears to be a small insect between the letters "h" and "i" in the word "behind" contained in the text of the message. This insect was probably on the card which was copied and, therefore, became a part of the plate which was finally produced.

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Date **6/10/66**Transmit the following in _____
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	Birmingham	Jackson	New Orleans
	Charlotte	Jacksonville	Norfolk
	Cincinnati	Knoxville	Richmond
	Columbia	Little Rock	Savannah
	Cleveland	Memphis	Tampa

JFA From: Director, FBI

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

ReCEairtel 5/31/66 and HOairtel dated 6/1/66.

The Bureau was previously advised that Florida klansmen were considering reproducing these postal cards and some nonklansmen in the Hattiesburg, Mississippi, area have already received duplicates of one of these postal cards. Most of the offices involved in this Project have sent as the first card the one with the comment "Klansman - trying to hide your identity behind your sheet? etc.," and this is the card that various klansmen are considering reproducing.

In the immediate future, offices involved in the Project should mail the card with the legend "Which Klan leaders are spending your money tonight?" It is not believed that Klan leaders will be nearly so desirous of spreading this comment any further than the original mailings since even if it were mailed to numerous non-Klan members, it would still have a disruptive effect.

The fact that some klansmen are considering reproducing the first postal card may offer an opportunity for further counterintelligence action since the informant

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Airtel to Atlanta et al
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN

coverage of your office may offer the opportunity to insure that local authorities arrest a klansman for a traffic violation or other minor infraction of law while in possession of a large number of such cards not yet mailed. You should be most alert for any such situation and immediately advise the Bureau together with your recommendations for taking advantage of any such developments. In this regard, you are reminded that prior Bureau authority is necessary and if a situation arises in which time is of the essence precluding a written communication to the Bureau, you should contact the Bureau by telephone prior to taking any action.

You are again cautioned that information concerning this Project must be kept to a minimum within your office and under no circumstances is any person outside the Bureau to be made aware of any Bureau connection with these cards. You should keep the Bureau advised of all developments and particularly with regard to the Klan reaction when the second card is mailed.

SAC, CLEVELAND (134-1287)

6/15/66

SA [REDACTED]

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**BLACK NATIONALISTS
TOP LEVEL INFORMANT PROGRAM**

On 6/14/66, SA [REDACTED] discussed black nationalism and possible rioting in Cleveland with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] Community Action Youth Program, 1835 E. 79 Street. They advised that this program runs in connection with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and its purpose is to rehabilitate juvenile delinquents and attempt to obtain employment and train for employment these types of individuals. He stated that they have succeeded in slightly decreasing the number of juvenile delinquents and it is their opinion that rioting or violence will not occur in Cleveland this summer.

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They stated that the only known source of black nationalism is the JFK House operated by [REDACTED] and that this could have been a possible source of violence and was so considered approximately two months ago, but they now feel this will not occur because of unfavorable publicity given to the JFK House by the "Plain Dealer."

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They advised that a church organization had recently attempted to assist the operation of the JFK House but it was their understanding that they had been disappointed at the results of their efforts to date. [REDACTED] who is a former [REDACTED] stated that he has sources who advised him that a lot of black national type of propaganda was being disseminated by some individuals who frequented the JFK House and that they were concerned about it and are remaining alert to this potential danger in the Hough area.

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Via _____

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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, Norfolk (157-464)

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Re Bureau airtel to Atlanta 4/28/66, furnishing post cards to be directed to known Klan members.

During the latter part of May 1966 the Norfolk Office mailed 35 of the cards (showing KLANSMAN, Trying to Hide Your Identity Behind Your Sheet?...) to Klansmen within the Norfolk Division.

On 6/8/66 [redacted] advised that most members of Unit 32 of the Klan, Smithfield, Va., had received these post cards and they considered the cards a joke. However, on 6/6/66 a member of Unit 14, Suffolk-Nansemond County, Va., commented that some members of that unit had received this post card. The member indicated that he thought some civil rights group had sent this card to the various individuals.

[redacted] advised that he had also received one of the cards and was unaware of who had sent him the post card.

Above is for information of the Bureau and recipient offices, and any additional pertinent information obtained through informant coverage will be promptly furnished the Bureau and recipient offices.

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1-Charlotte (Info.) (Registered)	1-Mobile (Info.) (RM)
1-Cincinnati (Info.) (Registered)	1-New Orleans (Info.) (RM)
1-Cleveland (Info.) (Registered)	1-Richmond (Info.) (RM)
1-Columbia (Info.) (Registered)	1-Savannah (Info.) (RM)
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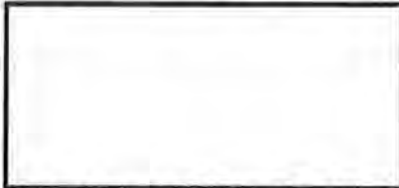
Cleveland, Ohio
June 17, 1966

MEMO: SAC, CLEVELAND

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FROM:

RE: NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN



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100-502 COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE - KLAN

DOCUMENTATION

SOURCE	DESCRIPTION AND OR DATE ACTIVITY	DATE RECEIVED	AGENT RECEIVING	LOCATION
[REDACTED]	AD. IN	7.13.66	SA [REDACTED] [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]

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Following is verbatim copy of informant's report:

June 17, 1966

On the evening of June 10, 1966, [REDACTED] advised [REDACTED] that he had received a pink colored postcard with the message "We know you are a Klansman. Although we didn't actually know the card to [REDACTED] [REDACTED] advised that he was very upset over the card and didn't know what he would do about it. He also claimed he is being watched by detectives and probably [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] also advised that [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] received the same pink postcard.

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[REDACTED] mentioned that the "tax people" are after [REDACTED] and that "someone" is watching [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] opined that it could be the "tax people."

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Extreme care must be taken in the use or dissemination of this information to paraphrase it so as not to reveal the identity of the informant.

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Date 7/6/66

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI PERSONAL ATTENTION SAC

FROM: SAC, HOUSTON (157-703)

SUBJECT: ✓ COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Houston airtel to Bureau dated 6/1/66 and Bureau airtel to offices indicated below dated 6/10/66.

Referenced Houston airtel reported on a plan discussed by Houston Klan members to duplicate copies of the original postal card mailed out to Klan members in the Houston area. Contacts with Klan informants has disclosed this plan has not been carried out to date and there has been no mention of such activities on the part of the Klan in the Houston area during the past two weeks. It appears that this plan of Klan members to mail out similar postal cards never progressed past the talking stage, and is not to be pursued.

In accordance with the plan outlined in referenced Bureau airtel dated 6/10/66, the Houston Office prepared 30 postal cards bearing the legend, "Which Klan leaders are spending your money tonight?" Through the cooperation of

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the San Antonio, El Paso, Phoenix and Los Angeles Offices, these postal cards were mailed on a staggered basis between 6/21/66 and 6/24/66 in small towns along a route starting in the area of Del Rio, Texas, and proceeding through the El Paso area, the Phoenix area and the area of Riverside, California. This plan was followed to leave the appearance these cards were being mailed by some individual traveling westward along this route.

[] has reported several Houston Klan members have recently discussed receipt of this second postal card and there has been open speculation that these cards were being mailed by representatives of the Anti-Defamation League, with the cooperation of the Department of Justice. The FBI has not been specifically mentioned in connection with this second mailing. Informants report there has been no additional discussion of any plan in the Houston area for such postal cards to be reproduced and mailed to miscellaneous individuals.

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PROPOSED COUNTERINTELLIGENCE OPERATION BY HOUSTON OFFICE:

The Bureau was advised by airtel and LHM on 6/15/66 of a cross burning incident occurring at Cleveland, Texas, in the early morning hours of 6/15/66, participated in by 9 members of the UKA known as Harris County Unit No. 1.

In accordance with instructions set out in Bureau airtel to Houston dated 6/22/66, all of the above communications being in the UKA file (Bureau file 157-370), the Bureau instructed that all klansmen involved in these cross burnings be interviewed in order to neutralize such activities in the future if possible.

The Houston Office has completed interviewing all of the individuals involved except two and they will be interviewed when they can be located within the next two days. These interviews were mixed with interviews of approximately 10 other individuals designed to divert suspicion from our informant.

The Houston Office recovered a portion of the burned cross left by Klan members at Cleveland, Texas, along with a broken portion of a bottle apparently used as a "Molotov cocktail" to actually ignite the cross.

For the information of the Bureau, klansman [redacted] at whose residence the Houston Klavern has been meeting every Tuesday night, recently suggested that this klavern adopt as a cover name the name "Harris County Coon Hunter's Club". This name was registered by [redacted] at the Assumed Name Record Section, Harris County Tax Collector's Office, Houston, Texas, where it has been reviewed by a Bureau Agent, and where it can readily be reviewed by anyone browsing through such records. Commercial firms regularly review these records in order to supplement their mailing lists for advertising purposes.

The Houston Office proposes the following action in order to further disrupt and confuse the Houston UKA Klavern, and to further discourage them from engaging in activities bordering on intimidation.

It is proposed that the charred remains of the wooden cross, together with the broken portion of the bottle referred to above, be placed in a securely wrapped package and address to the Harris County Coon Hunter's Club at the address of [redacted] which address was used when he registered the above name. It is proposed arrangements be made through a local package delivery service, without revealing in any way the Bureau's connection with this matter, for this package to be delivered to [redacted] residence at 9 p.m., on a Tuesday night, either 7/12/66 or 7/19/66, if possible. A pretext could be used by a Bureau Agent that he was a member of this club and the delivery is desired to coincide with a special meeting of the club at which prizes are to be awarded to club members.

It is anticipated that this package would then be delivered during one of these klavern meetings and would be opened and readily identified by klansmen present. It is believed this would have a favorable psychological reaction which would tend to unnerve some of the weaker hearted members and perhaps convince other members that such activities could not be engaged in without their being identified and possibly prosecuted in the future.

The Bureau's early consideration to the above proposal would be appreciated, inasmuch as the Harris County Unit No. 1 of the UKA is presently considering the rental of a building for future klan meetings, in order to avoid holding meetings in the residences of members.

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TO SAC

DATE: July 14, 1966

FROM : SA

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
Cleveland file 157-513

It is therefore recommended that Cv. file 157-594 be closed and consolidated into Cv. file 157-513.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

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SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

Re CV let, 6/8/66.

b7C In connection with the Black Nationalists Top Level Informant Program, on June 14, 1966, SA [redacted] discussed Black Nationalism and possible rioting in Cleveland with [redacted] and [redacted] Community Action Youth Program, 1835 East 79th Street. They advised that this program runs in connection with the Cuyahoga County Juvenile Court and its purpose is to rehabilitate juvenile delinquents and attempt to obtain employment and train for employment these types of individuals. They stated that they have succeeded in slightly decreasing the number of juvenile delinquents and it is their opinion that rioting or violence will not occur in Cleveland this summer.

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They advised that a church organization had recently attempted to assist the operation of the JFK House but it was their understanding that they had been disappointed at the results of their efforts to date.

b2 b7D On June 14, 1966, [redacted] who is on the [redacted] of [redacted] of JFK House, advised they are not receiving any of the money they anticipated from church groups and the JFK House will probably have to close soon.

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Bureau will be kept advised of further tangible results in this matter. Pertinent portions of the above will be appropriately disseminated.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

July 15, 1966

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COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Cleveland letter to Bureau, 6/1/66.

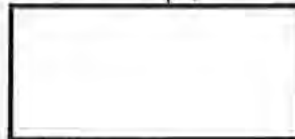
During June, 1966, postal cards bearing the legend "Which Klan leaders are spending your money tonight?" were mailed anonymously to the same nine identified Klans members to whom the postal cards questioning the secrecy of the Klansman's membership were mailed in May, 1966. These comprise the only logical individuals in the Cleveland Division to whom these cards should be sent, and it is believed a second card received by these persons would tend to disturb them considerably.

In connection with these mailings, on June 13, 1966, [redacted] advised that on June 10, 1966, [redacted] Klavern No. [redacted] National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, Incorporated, told him that he had received a pink colored post card with the message "We know you are a Klansman." [redacted] said he was very upset about the card and did not know what he would do about it. [redacted] said three other Klansmen, [redacted] and [redacted] received the same post card. [redacted] added that the "tax people" are after [redacted] and are watching him. [redacted] opined it could be the "tax people" who are sending the post cards. b2 b7D b7C

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments.

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Director, FBI (157-6-10)

**COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS**

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ReC Buirtel 7/7/66 captioned "National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan; Racial Matters - Klan" and C Buirtel 7/11/66 captioned "United Klans of America, Inc., NM - K."

Since the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKK) and the United Klans of America, Inc. (UKA), are making strong efforts to organize in the State of Ohio, the Cincinnati Office is requested to submit imaginative and aggressive counterintelligence proposals which will disrupt the growth of those organizations in Ohio.

C Buirtel 7/11/66 reveals that [redacted] UKA, has issued an official charter to the UKA unit being organized in the Cincinnati, Ohio, area.

This is to inform you that the Bureau is most interested in causing the revocation of the national UKA charter on file in the State of Georgia, and various local UKA charters which may be issued by rebellion.

The UKA purports to be a corporation and to legally conduct business in various states. It appears that corporations must have a charter filed with appropriate state authorities, and/or a state certificate to do business.

You should determine if the State of Ohio requires all corporations to register with the Secretary of State, and if such corporations must furnish revenue reports to the state and local revenue authorities. Also determine if the State of Ohio would allow a publicly identified vehicle of violence to become a legitimate corporation within the State of Ohio.

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Letter to SAC, Cincinnati
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Insure that your inquiries made in this matter are handled through reliable established sources only.

In the event your determination indicates that the UKA must register with the Secretary of State, file revenue reports, or meet other requirements, then you should submit counterintelligence proposals which will bring to the attention of the Ohio public and their representatives the fact that the UKA is not operating in conformity with Ohio laws, and that the State of Ohio should not give legal image to the UKA.

Also advise the Bureau if you have a substantial source in the newspaper, television, and radio media, influential enough to cause the Ohio State Assembly to pass a resolution condemning Klan activities in Ohio and in a position to afford state or national publicity regarding such a resolution.

Understand that no counterintelligence activities can be placed into effect without prior Bureau authority.

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Chief Calls JFK House School for Arsonists

By DORIS O'DONNELL

Police believe fire bombs used to set off fires in the Hough area were manufactured by youths with ties to the controversial JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue N E

"We are satisfied that the stuff emanates from there," incidents last month emanated from the JFK House Police Chief Richard R Wagner said

Wagner accused the store-front youth center at a news conference in City Hall "We have tried to get injunctions to close the JFK House We have been somewhat interfered with by a group of misguided people "

HIS REMARKS followed an announcement by Mayor Ralph S Locher that the fire-scarred East Side would not be placed under martial law and that no curfew is contemplated to help control the riot situation

The mayor was asked whether general statements attributed to Chief Wagner about a "bomb school" were true

"I don't believe the chief named a location," Mayor Locher said "I'm sure he is not speaking irresponsibly "

AT THAT POINT, Wagner said "We have had the JFK House under observation for some time

"We are aware someone is training juveniles in the manufacture of fire bombs," he added

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ROBINSON, a militant figure in numerous civil rights groups here, was fired as a city housing inspector after he announced plans to form a rifle club to protect civil rights demonstrators.

The teen-age youth center was closed in February for lack of funds.

In April the metropolitan church mission, headed by the Rev. Charles W. Rawlings, a civil rights activist and demonstrator, began soliciting funds to reopen the place.

The Rev. Mr. Rawlings' plea was that "JFK House offers a bridge to communication that must be supported in spite of the risks."

The center was reopened and police resumed surveillance of its activities.

The Negro weekly, Cleveland Call and Post, in an editorial on May 7, said that "under Robinson's guidance, it (JFK House) developed into a place where teen-agers gathered and milled around looking for something to do."

The center's "most publicized activity turned out to be an unprovoked attack on two white persons who happened to encounter them in 'their territory,'" the newspaper said.

ROBINSON HAS forcefully denied any JFK members' connection with the beating of the white youths within the shadow of JFK House.

Wagner yesterday refused to elaborate on what evidence he has to link the so-called "crime school or bomb school" to the week of fire bombings on the East Side.

One high-ranking city official said no youths questioned by police "have admitted making fire bombs or learning to make fire bombs there."

COUNTY PROSECUTOR John T. Corrigan said "I'm studying the police reports." He had been asked to see if an injunction could be obtained to close JFK House. Another county official pointed out that "the law doesn't cover that kind of nuisance."

"People have a right to congregate. You cannot enjoin anyone from committing a crime in the future," he said.

Earlier this week Robinson told The Plain Dealer JFK House was searched Tuesday. His wife, Beth, told reporters "It was raided and not a drop of gasoline was found."

Robinson also said police stopped him Tuesday night and gave him a black eye.

HIS WIFE SAID "My husband was picking up kids off the street and taking them home. The police bashed him in the face."

Robinson said he was treated at Forest City Hospital.

Mrs. Robinson said JFK

House is "not a school for bombs."

"Kids in the ghetto don't have to be taught how to make them," she said. "The start and finish of this whole thing is in the ghetto. Wagner is looking for a scapegoat."

She added that youths in the ghetto call the bombs "martinis"—not Molotov cocktails.

"All they know they are named after some kind of drink," she said.

FIRE CHIEF William E. Barry said firemen have found fire bombs at the scenes of fires in the Hough district. These are glass bottles or jars which have been broken and the gasoline spilled out.

Their cotton or rag wicks were still intact.

Councilman Edward J. Katalinas, D-21, in whose ward JFK House is located, sent a telegram to U.S. Rep. Michael A. Feighan, D-20.

"Chief Wagner today identified the JFK House in my ward as the place where the bombs are being made in the current riot in the Hough area," the message stated.

"I have noted your demand for congressional investigation to determine responsibility in the current rioting. I respectfully request the congressional investigation to include a determination as to the role the JFK House has played in the current strife."

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Police and national guardsmen raided the controversial JFK House, 8601 Superior Avenue N.E., three times within 24 hours, a spokesman for the house said yesterday.

The spokesman for the storefront youth center said that in the second raid police entered the building while it was closed, photographing the interior and casting it, possibly for fingerprints.

Police Chief Richard R. Wagner charged Friday five bombings in the Hough area had been carried out by youths with ties to the center.

Police officials at first refused to comment on the raids. Later Inspector Elmer A. Kuecher of the Sata Police District said he has visited the center at about 10:50 p.m. Saturday with an arrest warrant for Lewis G. Robinson, 37, founder of the JFK House.

Kuecher said he knew of no other raids.

Robinson, and his wife Beth, 28, were arrested at their home an hour later. They were charged with disorderly conduct last November and date of a charge on July 12 by Judge George Theodore M. Williams.

At the Sata Police Station, 23 of 14-17 Carville Avenue S.E., was charged with assault and battery. Police

said he attacked them. A spokesman for the center said he was trying to prevent an officer from hitting a girl.

Police said four others were arrested in the raid outside of the center. Two youths were arrested for violating the curfew law and two for failing to carry a Selective Service identification card. No charges have been filed.

Mrs. Robinson criticized police, contending that they entered JFK House on the pretext of looking for them when the warrants clearly indicated their home address.

Robinson has denied that the JFK House is a "school for bombs." He founded the center in 1964. The initials in its name stand for Jomo Kenyatta, president of Kenya.

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Robinson, 23, and his wife,
Beta, 23, were arrested at
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home at 1242 E. 89th Street.
They were released four
hours later on their personal
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were expected to be charged
with had their cases dis-
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AN ASSISTANT police pros-
ecutor, John Kymowski, said
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be brought up is the question
of double jeopardy.

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is expected to be entered to-
day setting the stage for the
double jeopardy question,
lawyer Day said.

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JFK House Charges Challenged by Cleric

By KENNETH D HUSZAR
It Police Chief Richard R Wagner's charges concerning the JFK House can be supported with evidence, it should be closed and "those responsible" prosecuted, the Rev Charles W Rawlings yesterday told the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury as it opened its inquiry into last week's Hough area violence.

The Rev Mr Rawlings, executive director of the Metropolitan Affairs Commission of the Council of Churches of Christ of Greater Cleveland, was the author of a letter written this spring to solicit funds to reopen the controversial JFK House at 8801 Superior Avenue NE. The youth center was subsequently reopened.

OTHERS WHO TESTIFIED

before the grand jury were Councilman M Morris Jackson, D-20, the Rev Albert M Pennybacker, also of the metropolitan affairs commission, the Rev Donald Jacobs, president of the Cleveland NAACP chapter, and the Rev Harry Payden, chairman of the Action Council of the Negro Pastors of Greater Cleveland.

"I was told about certain evidence gathered by police in connection with the JFK

House," the Rev Mr Rawlings told The Plain Dealer, "but I am not at liberty to state the nature of the evidence."

Last Friday, Chief Wagner charged that the bombings in the Hough area had been carried out by youths with ties to the JFK House.

The Rev Mr Rawlings said he told the Grand Jury that the house was "a place where persons acted out the problems of the Negro ghetto."

"PEOPLE THERE SPEAK of transforming the house into another Karamu," the Rev Mr Rawlings said. "It's also a place where black nationalist ideas are aired. If Wagner's allegations are true, then I would personally be very disappointed."

He called yesterday's closing of the house by the city for sanitary reasons "a pretext."

Jackson said while "the seeds of discontent had already been sown there were outside influences from New York City here."

Jackson said instigators and agitators here then seized the opportunity to create further unrest. The Rev Mr Jacobs listed housing, police-community relations and unemployment as the issues at the bottom of the discontent in the Hough area.

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"Broken promises from City Hall, the lack of adequate housing facilities and police brutality are the chief causes of the riots," the Rev Mr. Padden said.

"But I also must protest against the riots," he said. "Because City Hall is wrong; two wrongs don't make a right. The riots were wrong."

Witnesses scheduled to appear yesterday, but asked to reappear today, were Councilmen Edward F. Katalinas, D-21, and George L. Fiores, D-27, Mrs. Ruth Halley, 8420 Hough Avenue NE, Mrs. Alberta Gordon, 8011 Hough, Ralph W. Findley, head of the Greater Cleveland Council of Economic Opportunities, George J. Livingston, executive secretary of the Cleveland branch, NAACP, Harry Alexander of the Call & Post, John F. Eole, assistant city fire chief, and Capt. Lawrence P. Flynn, head of the fire department alarm office.

Earlier in the day the grand jury members, Common Pleas Judge Thomas J. Parrino and County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan, took a bus tour of the riot area.

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JFK House Shut as Health Peril

The police department's sanitation unit yesterday sealed the controversial JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue N.E., for housing code violations.

Lt Michael J Sirkot head of the unit said the storefront youth center would remain closed "until the owner brings the building up to city code standards."

Only last Friday, Police Chief Richard R. Wagner charged that the bombings in the Hough area had been carried out by youths with ties to the JFK House.

LT Sirkot said his unit found debris and dirt in the basement and rubbish had been piled up outside and this constituted a fire hazard.

A sign on the front door states "Unit for Human Habitation."

Mrs Lewis G. Robinson, wife of the founder of the house, termed the action "police harassment."

Police said they would search housing records this morning at City Hall to determine who owns the building. Sirkot said the owner would be notified about the violations and he would be expected to make the building conform to city requirements.

Robinson, 36, does not own the building in which the center is located. Robinson lives at 1242 E. 89th Street.

INSPECTOR ELMER A. Kaecher, of the 6th Police District, said "We closed the JFK House because of sanitary violations. It's been posted as closed because of these violations."

The inspector said the sanitary code violations were discovered last Saturday.

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CENTER CLOSED—JFK House was sealed after this debris was found in the basement.

JFK Center Ruled Insanitary, Is Sealed

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JFK House to serve warrants on Robinson and his wife, Beth, 28

The Robinsons were charged members of the National with disorderly assembly last Guard broke into the JFK November a duplicate of a House, described as a recreation center, or Sunday to charge dismissed by Municipal Judge Theodore M. Wil- take pictures. She said they also tossed tear gas bombs. Lt. Sukot said his men into the basement found no over ventilation of toilets, defective plumbing and a dirty basement when they visited the house.

THE POLICE HAVE NO the citation with me," she legitimate charges against said

"us," Mrs. Robinson said last night. "If this isn't harassment, then I don't know the meaning of the word."

Mrs. Robinson charged

"Our teen-age boys cleaned up the mess on Monday and more gas was thrown into the basement after Lt. Sukot left

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Daniel Jones, a Cleveland
 sewer department employee
 yesterday testified in court
 as a "black and white
 national" in connection with
 "my people".

Jones was among witnesses
 called before the Cuyahoga
 County Grand Jury to shed
 light on who is responsible for
 the outbreak of violence in the
 inner city area.

Jones did not testify but is
 to remain today. But he readily
 talked to reporters about his
 views on race and other mat-
 ters. He said:

"An investigation will re-
 veal there is something behind
 the JFK riots. A lot of
 secret white people."

Jones, a small, rapid-talking
 man, lives in the JFK House,
 a building owned by a group
 of white persons who have
 given financial aid and as-
 sistance to the so-called youth
 center.

ONE OF THE JFK
 House leaders who, according
 to authorities, predicted a
 "long, hot summer" of riots
 in Cleveland.

The center, opened in 1961,
 was closed earlier this year
 for lack of funds. However,
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The report, at 231 Superior Avenue NE, was received by Police Constable Richard H. Wagner as a place where the inmates' fire bombs were made. It was closed to the public on charges of violating the city sanitary code.

The Citrus County Grand Jury heard nearly four hours of testimony from Robinson, 37, and his wife, Edna, 26, yesterday afternoon.

Two of Robinson's aides at the center, Nathiel Jones, 24, of 9716 Hough Avenue N.E., and Albert Ware, were also subpoenaed for testimony yesterday. Jones was asked to remain today. Ware failed to appear.

The kids and I will spend the day getting it cleaned up," he said.

"WE DON'T LIVE here" Robinson said. "We run a recreation center. And we clean it up, we'll ask the city to inspect it again and then reopen it and wait for them to come in."

"If they hadn't called us," Mrs. Robinson said, "we'd have volunteered to testify. We welcome this chance to

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By Negro Group in '64

Rifle Range Set Up on Farm

By ROBERT J. HOLMES

An Ashtabula County farmer yesterday told Plain Dealer reporters that a group of Negro civil rights organizers had set up a shooting range on his land two years ago.

The farmer, Lawrence Dozier, a Negro, said that among Clevelanders who arranged to use the farm was Lewis G. Robinson, controversial civil rights organizer who in 1964 was fired from his job as a city housing inspector.

Robinson shortly before had announced plans to set up a rifle club to protect civil rights demonstrators against police—if necessary.

ROBINSON ALSO IS founder of the JFK House, at 8801 Superior Avenue NE, which recently was branded by Police Chief Richard R. Wagner as a training school for youths in making fire bombs. Police closed the place for sanitation code violations Wednesday.

Dozier said some 15 or 20 men—who told him they
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SHOT UP—Placard reading "Paleface Briggs speaks with (forked?) tongue," possibly a reference to Cleveland schools Supt. Paul W. Briggs, was found on the rifle range.

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were members of CORE and the United Freedom Movement — came to his farm, off a dirt road between Harts-grove and Windsor town-ships, to practice firing weap- ons. They brought rifles, shot- guns and pistols, he said

DOZIER SAID Robinson paid him \$75 to haul logs, which the others piled up into a makeshift rifle range back- stop in a field about a quarter mile from the road

The farmer said his idea was to turn his farm into a "recreation center" with Rob- inson and himself 50-50 part- ners

But the deal fell through when Robinson failed to come up with any money and "didn't want to go through Washington" in setting up a rifle range by registering it, Dozier said

Dozier said he was also un- happy because the backstop was inadequate — not high enough and lacking protective wings

Dozier said he was ap- proached by Clevelanders in- terested in his farm as a rifle range again last year. Rob- inson was not among them, he said

Harrell Jones, a goateed 24- year-old city laborer ques- tioned by newsmen before a grand jury appearance yes- terday was quoted, as saying that about a year ago he tried to start a rifle range on a friend's farm near Orwell. Dozier's farm is a few miles west of Orwell.

DOZIER SAID he would not allow the second batch of Clevelanders to use his farm because they "didn't want to set it up properly." He said he has not been approached since

"I used to work in a found- ry in Cleveland before I bought this farm 15 years ago," he said. "Foundry work left me with a breathing ailment, and I haven't been able to work the farm since 1962

"Since then my idea has been to turn it into a recrea-

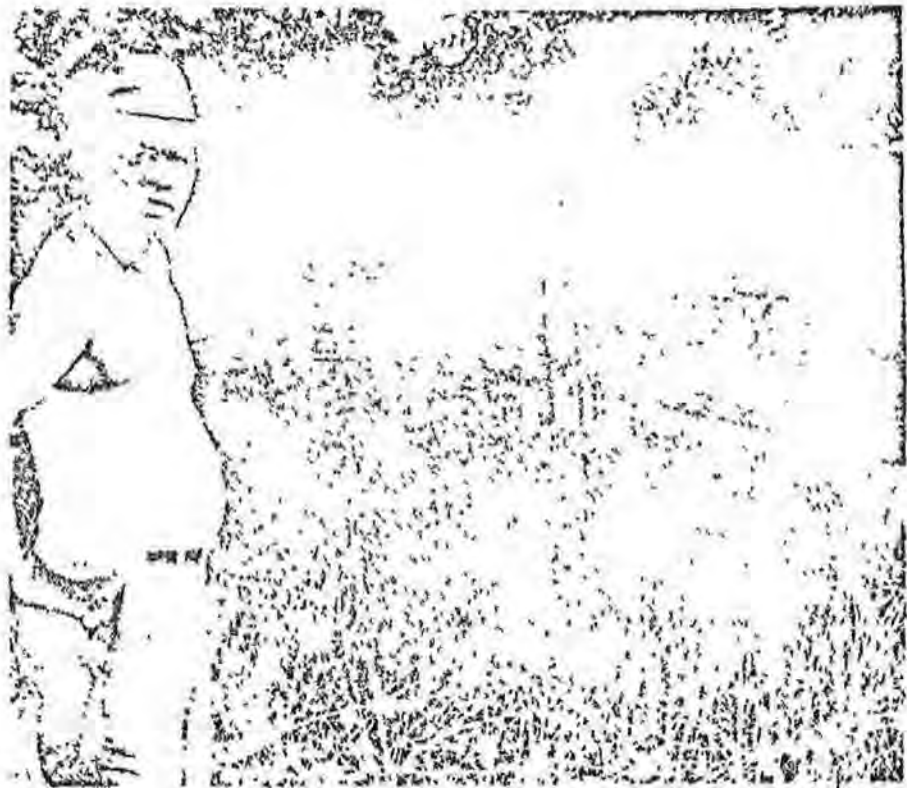
tion center. anybody shoot- ing is part of it. People like to shoot. They might not be hitting anything, but they just like to be shooting."

Dozier said he knew of no ulterior motive in any of the efforts to form a rifle club on his land. He personally was not active in civil rights, he said

EVIDENCE of weapon practice was seen around the log backstop on Dozier's farm

Among them are punctured cans and shattered bottles — as well as two shot-up posters reading "Why can't we have Mr. Freeman back in school?" and "Paleface Briggs speaks with forked tongue."

The first placard apparently referred to Donald Freeman, a Cleveland schoolteacher fired last year because of reputed black nationalist ties. The second apparently was an allusion to Supt. Paul W. Briggs of the Cleveland schools system



RANGE BACKDROP — Lawrence Dozier and makeshift log back- stop he said was erected by Cleveland civil rights workers as a rifle range.
PHOTO BY PHOTOS (MARVIN M. GREENE)

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Subdued Jones Is Mum After Grand Jury Quiz

By KENNETH D. HUSZAR

It was a subdued Harrel Jones who left the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury room yesterday.

Jones, 24, a cofounder of the controversial JFK House, spent much of the time prior to his grand jury appearance offering newsmen his opinions on everything from the Hough area riots to his private target practice with a rifle.

But when he emerged from more than 2½ hours of testimony at 3:55 p.m. yesterday, he had little to say and refused "to disclose any of my testimony."

"I THINK THE people in there are really trying to do something to find out something," he said respectfully.

Jones, who works for the city sewer department, then denied to newsmen that he had ever made any of the statements he had been quoted as saying. He declined to speak of his rifle club activities, saying "I don't need a rifle to defend myself against white people."

Jones, with his arms folded in front of him and holding a bright red sweater, also denied hating white people, saying that he had changed his

opinion about them because of recent contacts with them.

"I STILL DON'T trust them," he said. "The main problem is communication. There are a lot of problems in the Negro area which must be solved. If they're not, it could go up again anytime."

He denied having taken any part in the Hough area disturbances. When asked about a rumor that he would be fired from his job with the city because of his admitted "black nationalist" stand, Jones said he had heard nothing about it.

Only when he was questioned about recent published statements concerning his grand jury appearance did Jones become loud and angry. He said:

"MAN, I DIDN'T like reading today all about what I said in there before I said it. It's like attendin' your own funeral. No, man, I don't like it."

County Prosecutor John T. Corrigan interrupted Jones' testimony after the first hour to request copies of yesterday's newspapers. He reportedly wanted to compare Jones' quoted remarks with his jury testimony.

Jones followed Albert Ware,



Albert Ware

35, of 11611 Castlewood Avenue NE, another JFK House advisor, into the jury room. Ware bolted from the jury room after one hour's testimony. He ran from waiting reporters and shielded his face from photographers with a red sweater.

IN THE MORNING, the grand jury, which is probing the Hough riots, heard testimony from Harry Alexander, business manager of the Cleveland Call & Post, Negro newspaper and from Councilman George Forbes, D-27.

Alexander later told reporters that "the riot was not racial. It was the rebellion of the underprivileged against their tormenters," he said.

"These people who victimize the Negroes in Hough live in the suburbs and aren't really aware of everyday living conditions in Hough," Alexander said.

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COUNCILMAN Forbes said he told the grand jury he would like to see a Negro as assistant city safety director. He then described an instance of police mistreatment in which he was involved.

"I was sitting on a car last Tuesday night watching a fire, when a patrolman approached me, cursed me out and told me in foul language to leave," Forbes said.

"I'm not saying all police are bad," he said. "But I'm treated better than most of my fellow Negroes because I'm a councilman."

THE GRAND JURY has now heard 15 persons in its efforts to pinpoint the causes of the recent violence in the Hough area. Four members of the W E B DuBois Clubs of America were sent home yesterday after being subpoenaed to testify.

The W E B DuBois Clubs of America is listed by the FBI as a Communist front organization. It is named after the late Dr. William E. DuBois, a noted Negro educator and lecturer.

MICHAEL T. BAYER, Ronald Lucas, Steve Shreeffer and Daniel Mack were asked to reappear today. Two other persons, Phillip Morris of the JFK House and Chuck Harris also of the W E B DuBois Club were subpoenaed but had moved and could not be found.

Police today hope to seek indictments from the grand jury for some nine looters recently arraigned in Common Pleas Court on felony charges.

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Police Again Close Reopened JFK House

A group of youths last night reopened the controversial JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue NE, apparently in defiance of police orders closing it because of sanitary code violations.

Police quickly closed it again.

Deputy Inspector Elmer Kaercher of the 6th Police District said his men noticed the teen-age center was open on a routine patrol at 10 p.m.

Police found about a dozen youths inside, some sparring with boxing gloves. Kaercher said there were no adult supervisors.

THE HOUSE, founded by Lewis G. Robinson, firebrand Negro civil rights organizer, had been closed by police order on Wednesday.

Robinson arrived at the house last night shortly after police came to close it again. He told police the youths were "airing out" the building.

Robinson testified Wednesday before a special session of the Cuyahoga County Grand Jury investigating causes of racial rioting that erupted in the Hough-area last week.

A week ago Police Chief Richard R. Wagner charged that youths with ties to JFK

House were trained to make and use fire bombs.

ROBINSON'S WIFE, Beth, last night told The Plain Dealer the youths were airing the JFK House because national guardsmen had thrown tear gas canisters inside.

She said the youths were taking a five-minute coffee break when the police arrived.

Robinson had told newsmen that he would reopen the house tomorrow night for "a party." He also said he would ask city officials to inspect it before it was reopened.

The club is named for Jomo Freedom Kenyatta, president of Kenya.

NO ARRESTS WERE made. Kaercher said two beat policemen would be stationed at the house to make sure it remained closed.

Meanwhile, the Hough area and other sections of the East Side where rioters, vandals and arsonists roamed last week, remained quiet again last night, except for one incendiary fire in a two-story abandoned building at 8107 Wade Park Avenue NE.

Fourth Battalion Fire Chief Thomas M. Callaghan said it was the third time that a fire had been started in the building in the last week. The building was burning in three places when firemen arrived, Callaghan said. He said there was no loss.

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Earlier yesterday some 750 men of the 2d Squadron, 107th Armored Cavalry Regiment, left for Youngstown, Canton and Ravenna after nine days of riot control duty on the East Side. The squadron is headquartered at the Akron-Canton Airport.

It was the second contingent of national guardsmen to leave the city. On Tuesday, about 750 men of the 145th Infantry Regiment left Cleveland after having served in riot areas since July 19.

THE PULLOUT LEAVES about 500 national guardsmen still on duty here. This force, which represents the regiment's first squadron based in Cleveland, will probably remain on guard at least until Sunday.

Meanwhile, some 120 men are to begin this morning what is believed to be the largest cleanup operation ever undertaken in the Hough area.

Cleveland Service Director Robert J. Kelly said the cleanup force probably would swell to 220 by Monday, depending on the number of workers available from sources other than the service department.

TEN TO 12 TRUCKS will be in operation today, Kelly said. Most of them will be provided by the service department.

The Metropolitan Affairs Commission of the Council of Churches of Christ of Greater Cleveland made public its preliminary analysis of the rioting.

It said in part: "The single factor that makes these riots most dangerous is the inability or unwillingness of city leadership to understand the depth of discontent and desperation felt by large numbers of Cleveland Negroes."

The Metropolitan Affairs Commission is headed by the Rev. Charles W. Rawlings, who on Tuesday testified before the opening session of the grand jury.

The Rev. Mr. Rawlings was the author of a four-page letter last April soliciting funds to reopen the controversial **TRK House**.

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Robinson Is Tired of 'Comic-Strip Stuff'

The name of Lewis G. Robinson, firebrand Negro, was the only one that could be recalled by the Ashtabula County farmer who told reporters of a Negro firing range on his farm.

The farmer, Lawrence Dozier, said about 15 or 20 men were involved in leasing a part of the farm for practice shooting.

When asked for comment on the range, Robinson said:

"I'M SICK OF this comic strip day-by-day stuff. Let's get to the real cause of this problem — Mayor Locher, Police Chief Wagner and the Uncle Toms on the administration who said everything down on the plantation was all right.

"They'd better do something or the people will burn this city down. That's my comment."

Arthur Evans Jr., United Freedom Movement chairman, said that he knew nothing about the rifle range. "I have no comment," he said. "Obviously this is unfounded and I know nothing about it."

THE UFM IS A loosely knit organization of Cleveland civil rights groups formed at the height of the controversy over integration in Cleveland public schools in 1964. Evans has been chairman since last fall.

BAXTER HILL, chairman of the Cleveland chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality, which also was mentioned by the farmer, denied that his group or any of its members used the range or fired weapons of any kind.

"I have been a member since CORE was formed here in 1957," he said, "and we have never indulged in such practices. CORE and its members are emphatically against the use of rifles or shotguns. We are a nonviolent group. Our members were out during the rioting trying to calm the element that was causing trouble."

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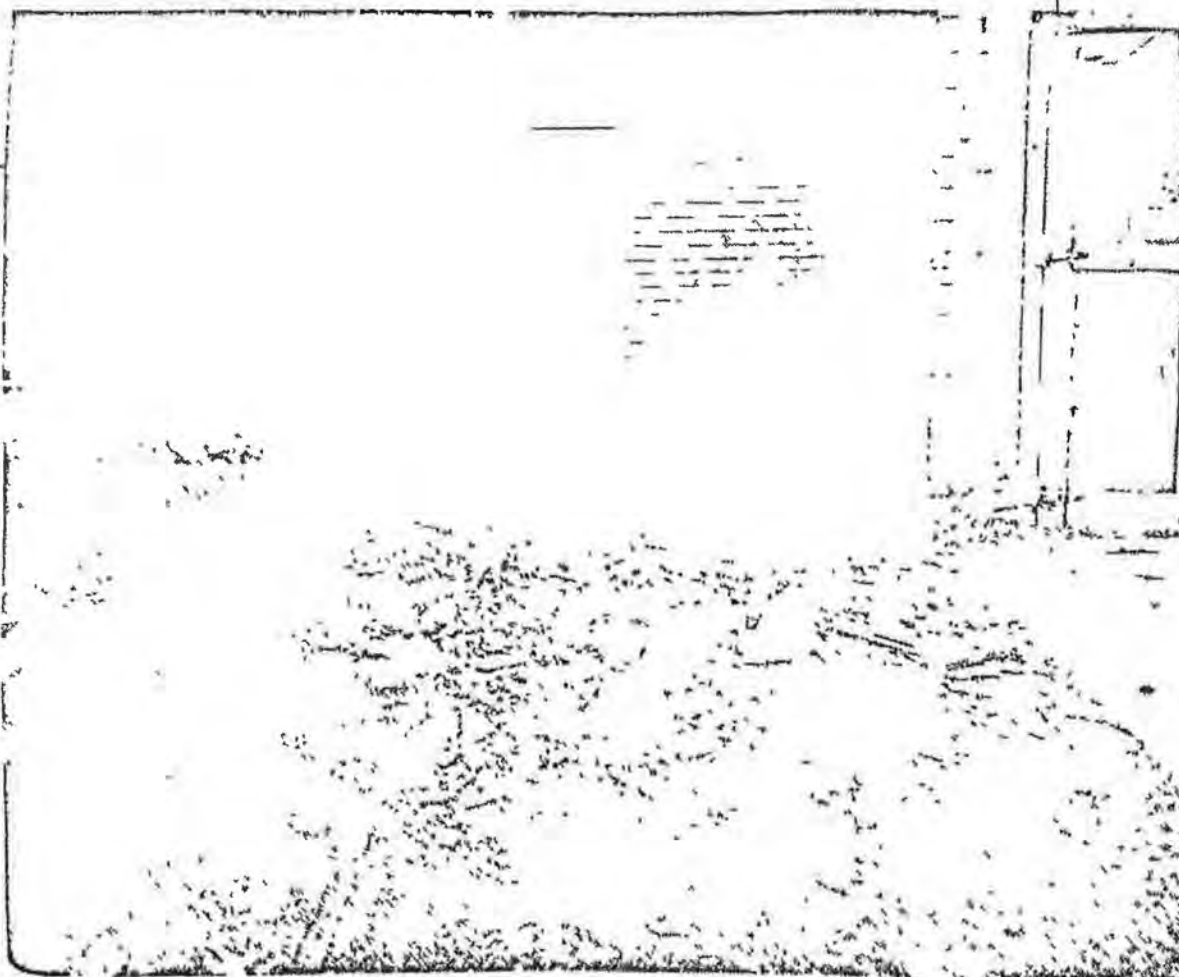
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DEBRIS LITTERED the back yard of the JFK House at 8801 Superior Avenue N. E. Wednesday when the police department sanitation unit closed the teen-age center. In the recreation quarters, police found junk strewn all over the floor. The mess included an old refrigerator, stove, upholstered furniture, empty milk bottles and cans, food wrappers and old books and papers. The youth center and its operators are under investigation in connection with recent fire bombings and noting.

(Cleveland Police Department Photos)

8/1/66

AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (157-9-11)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

Re Cleveland letter, 6/8/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau are copies of ~~thirteen~~ articles from "The Plain Dealer," a daily and Sunday morning newspaper published in Cleveland, which articles appeared in the following issues of that newspaper:

7/23/66
7/24/66
7/25/66 (2 articles)
7/27/66 (2 articles)
7/28/66 (2 articles)
7/29/66 (5 articles)

As the Bureau is aware, previous counterintelligence action against the Jomo Freedom Kenyatta House (JFK House), through publicity afforded by established source, [redacted] was blocked the receipt of money amounting to thousands of dollars which the JFK House anticipated receiving from church groups and business and civic organizations in lump sums as well as on a continuing basis.

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Of significance to note in this regard, is the fact that in the riots in Cleveland beginning 7/18/66, teenage members of the JFK House participated to a great extent in the looting, burning and other riotous activities. Their participation in the riots would no doubt have been better organized and more destructive had they received the money which was blocked as a result of effective counter-intelligence action.

As set forth in relet [redacted] had additional information regarding the JFK House and its leaders, [redacted] b7C [redacted] and [redacted] but desired a timely matter on which to base its publication.

As a result of the recent riots in Cleveland, [redacted] effected the publication of some of that additional information. These articles, as well as other related articles, are enclosed herewith for the Bureau. b7C

A special grand jury is currently looking into the riots and is including a scrutiny of the JFK House.

Bureau will be kept advised of additional developments.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

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SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Re Cleveland letter, 7/15/66.

During July, 1966, postal cards bearing the legend
"Invisible Gov't - Someone is Peeking Under Your Sheet" were
mailed to eight identified KLAN members in the Cleveland area.

Bureau will be advised of any pertinent developments.

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The aforementioned anonymous mailings were made
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RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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☐ For information ☐ Retention optional ☒ For appropriate action ☐ Surep, by _____
☐ The enclosed is for your information. If used in a future report, ☐ conceal all sources, ☐ paraphrase contents
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ReBulet to CV, 5/4/66. Advise Bureau of results and if warranted submit further recommendations.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-4)
 FROM: SAC, BIRMINGHAM (157-835) (P)
 SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM - KLAN
 RACIAL MATTERS (KLAN)

Enclosed for the Bureau are two copies of the latest issue of "The Fiery Cross," official publication of the United Klans of America, Inc., Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. The enclosed copies were made available to the Birmingham Office of the FBI on 8/5/66, by [redacted]

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For the information of offices receiving copies of instant communication, the copies of the publication enclosed to the Bureau carry an article on page one captioned "Is The Justice Department & Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith Conspiring Against White Patriots?". The article set forth under the above-mentioned caption, in part, reads as follows:

"Klansmen pay no attention to the snoopers of the SO called Justice Department and after non-members have the experience of meeting them

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in this manner they to have nothing but contempt for a once highly regarded organization. These are the men of the F.B.I.

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"Now let us examine what happens from the night the F.B.I. takes down license numbers and snaps their picture. [redacted] who was in attendance at the Klan Speaking and who has not yet joined the organization or maybe he has no desire to join starts receiving letters, post card cartoons from non-existent organizations making claims against Klan leaders, post cards with a cartoon on the back side for everyone to see saying "KLANSMAN trying to hide your identity behind your sheet? You received this - someone KNOWS who you are!" Many times they will be sent to the place of employment instead of the mans home. Their purpose for this naturally is to bring about economic pressure. Bring about the fear to a man of his job being taken away from him and no money to buy food and clothing for the family and you can control his activities and his belief.

"A week later he receives through the mail a letter from a FAKE organization called The National Committee For Domestic Tranquility. The letter is signed by a non-existant person by the name of Harmon Blennerhasset.

"Since the F.B.I. is guilty of taking pictures and getting license numbers from cars that are in attendance at the Klan speakings and then days later these people start receiving the hate literature on the Klan, we ask this question. If it is not the F.B.I. who could in turn be receiving this information to harass the WHITE CHRISTIAN CITIZENS? ARE THEY ALLOWING OTHER ORGANIZATIONS TO USE THIS INFORMATION? These things do not just happen, they are planned.

"COULD THERE BE AGENTS FROM THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE who have infiltrated the F.B.I.? WHAT IS THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OF B'NAI B'RITH?"

BH 157-835

The attention of the Bureau and offices receiving this communication is called to an article set forth on page three of the above-described copies of "The Fiery Cross." This article under a caption "Fake Organization Non Exsistantant." Below this caption is set forth a masthead on which there is an outline of the United States at the left on which is printed the letters NCDT and to the right is the heading "The National Committee for Domestic Tranquility." Also, below the heading appears a letter purported to have been written by one HARMON BLENNERHASSET, Executive Director of that organization.

The above is being set forth for the information of the Bureau and interested offices.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

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Re Bureau letter to Cleveland dated 5/4/66 and
Bureau R/S to Cleveland dated 8/2/66.

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[redacted] on 8/10/66 informed that as a result of his efforts to discreetly undermine the confidence of Klavern [redacted] in the leadership of [redacted], he was advised recently by [redacted] Ohio organizer of the NKKKK, that Klavern [redacted] should consider holding a meeting to elect another [redacted] for Klavern [redacted] inasmuch as he has lost his confidence in [redacted] leadership.

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In addition, [redacted] mentioned a fallout between [redacted] a member of Klavern [redacted] and [redacted] over some pink postal cards [redacted] believed [redacted] sent him. These pink postal cards carry a message and cartoon indicating Klan membership and has caused considerable dissension in the Klavern. [redacted] noted that Klan member [redacted] was accused of sending the pink postal cards but later [redacted] advised the UKA was responsible.

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[redacted] has noted that [redacted] is undermining his own cause to a large extent by his own personal misconduct. In this respect he noted that [redacted] a married man, has a "girl friend" which he brings to Klan rallies and which is contrary to the Klans belief. In addition, [redacted] has lately missed several meetings and has at times shown more interest in his "girl friend" than the Klan.

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The Cleveland Office believes that his efforts to date has placed [redacted] in a dangerous position with Klavern [redacted] and it is felt from this point that natural attrition as well as his own personal misconduct will result in the downfall of [redacted]. It is not felt that [redacted] should be placed

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b2 in a position to cause the final downfall of [] as they
continue to be friends and the possibility exists that
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would still permit [] to obtain information through
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Airtel

To: SACs, Savannah (157-639)
Baltimore (157-343)
Cincinnati (157-643)
Washington Field

From: Director, FBI (157-9-49)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY)

The National States Rights Party (NSRP) has announced that the NSRP National Convention will be held 8/27-28/66 at GSW Hall, 820 Linden Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

During late July, 1966, NSRP members including NSRP National Organizer, Connie Lynch, held a rally at Baltimore, Maryland, which provoked a racial disturbance.

Since Ohio officials are following the racial picture very closely due to the recent Cleveland riots, we are considering the preparation of an anonymous communication containing the newspaper coverage of the recent NSRP activity in Baltimore. This communication would be directed to the Governor and U.S. Senators in the State of Ohio, the Grand Jury, which has been convened in Cleveland, Ohio, and police officials responsible for the Dayton, Ohio area. If we can compile such a communication through the use of public source information only, we may be in a position to properly demonstrate that the NSRP Convention in Dayton, Ohio, could prove to be a source of racial unrest. This action could well cause Ohio officials to consider an injunction action against the NSRP National Convention.

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**Airtel to SACs, Savannah et al
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Baltimore and Washington Field Offices submit to the Bureau by 8/18/56 uncut newspaper articles concerning the NRP involvement in the previously-mentioned Baltimore disturbance. Newspaper articles with photographs of Connie Lynch, and other NRP members at Baltimore, would be helpful. If such newspaper articles are not currently in your possession obtain same through established sources at newspaper morgues.

Cincinnati and Savannah furnish the Bureau any counterintelligence proposals regarding the NRP National Convention you deem necessary.

You will be advised if the anonymous communication mentioned herein is utilized and mailed out prior to the date of the National Convention.

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AIR MAIL (RM)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-35)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-2443) (P)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM,
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(CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH)

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The following information is being forwarded to those offices that received a copy of Los Angeles airtel, dated 1/7/66:

On 8/9/66, SA [] determined through a review of the records of the Drivers License Bureau, Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, that Operator's License No. 2021361 was issued 6/30/65 to CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH. The applicant for the license dated 6/30/65 describes LYNCH as a white male, born 11/15/12, height 5'7", weight 145 pounds, gray eyes and brown hair. His address was listed as Box 923, Wewoka, Oklahoma. LYNCH indicated on the applicant that he was currently licensed in the State of California and that the license had expired in August, 1963. LYNCH answered "No" to the question on the applicant which reads, "Has your driving privilege ever been suspended, revoked, cancelled or denied."

The Oklahoma operator's license issued to LYNCH will expire 11/15/67. The records of the Drivers License Bureau contained no traffic violations against LYNCH.

On 8/9/66, [] of the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety and a [] Special Agent of the FBI, advised that the State of Oklahoma has no reciprocal agreement with any state regarding revoked drivers licenses. He stated that in the event a person applies for an Oklahoma drivers license and it is determined that his license has been suspended or revoked in some other state, the State of Oklahoma may or may not issue the license depending on the reason for the previous revocation or suspension. He stated that ordinarily the fact that a person has made a false statement on his applicant regarding previous suspensions or revocations would be sufficient to cancel the license issued.

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[] advised that when a person is issued a license in Oklahoma, the name is checked through the National Registry in Washington, D.C., which agency advises if that person has ever had a suspended or revoked license. Following notification from the National Registry, the State of Oklahoma determines from the state involved the nature of the revoked or suspended license.

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[redacted] Oklahoma City advised that from the discussion with [redacted] it would appear that the State of Oklahoma could cancel subject's Oklahoma drivers license based on the false statement made on the applicant and his previous driving record in California. It would appear that the check made through the National Registry in Washington, D.C., did not reveal subject's prior suspensions. This could have been due to the fact that subject may have used a different first name on his drivers licenses in California and Florida.

The Oklahoma City Office advised that in the event the Bureau desired further action be taken, it was recommended that the matter be handled through contact with [redacted] who was considered to be completely reliable and who was in a position to initiate the action necessary to cancel subject's drivers license.

LYNCH, using the name CHARLES CONNIE LYNCH, was issued California license no 2405029, and as of 1960 resided at 12940, 10th Street, Chino, California. This license has been revoked by the State of California.

It is the feeling of the Los Angeles Office that the removal of LYNCH's driving privilege could be best accomplished at the time of his arrest. It is to be noted that LYNCH was arrested in Baltimore, Maryland, in July for inciting a riot, and that as recently as Sunday, 8/21/66, he was arrested in Chicago, Illinois, for speaking at a rally without a permit. It is a matter of routine to peruse an individual's license at the time of arrest, and since LYNCH is using a Post Office box on his license, it is also logical for the arresting department to check his license out with the issuing state. If it could be determined exactly where the much traveled LYNCH was scheduled to speak, this plan of depriving him of his driving privilege could be accomplished. It is just about certain that LYNCH will now continue to focus his attention on racial trouble spots like Chicago especially since he has made an "alliance" with [redacted] self styled [redacted] of the American Nazi Party, who shared the rally with LYNCH. If Oklahoma Department of Motor Vehicles would cooperate, LYNCH's license could be held for that state because of his false statements on the Oklahoma drivers application.

LYNCH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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Major Points of Grand

Jury Report

on Hough Riot

The 4000-word Hough riot report of the County Grand Jury contained a preface of general observations which included

"It is our firm belief that what America needs more urgently than anything else is a renewal of good citizenship by all of us

"We profoundly believe that a rigid adherence by everyone to the established law and order of this country should instantly replace the guerrilla warfare practiced in the streets and neighborhoods.

"We believe there should be a restoration of the qualities of good faith, of honesty, and a willingness to hear out the other person or the other side without resort to violence and disorder, whether, around a bargaining table with capital and labor, or grievances among people of different backgrounds.

"What this country and its community need, in the opinion of this Jury of laymen, themselves citizens and parents and in businesses and professions, is not so much a blood bath but a good cleansing spiritual bath"

The report then described its duties as outlined by Judge Thomas J. Parino in connection with ascertaining the causes of the fire bombings and rioting in Hough, and reported

"This Jury finds that the outbreak of lawlessness and disorder was both organized, precipitated and exploited by a relatively small group of trained and disciplined professionals at this business.

"They were aided and abetted, willingly or otherwise, by misguided people of all ages and colors, many of whom are avowed benefactors in violence and extremism and some of whom also are

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The majority of people in the Hough Area had no part in either the lawlessness or disorders. They have been ordered rather than helped by this major tragedy.

"This Jury considers it regrettable and unfortunate for the community's sake that the legal statutes of Ohio and Cuyahoga County are either so outmoded or inadequate in their scope that these responsible individuals cannot at this time be reached by specific indictments for their infamous activities."

After commending the Police Department and the Ohio National Guard, the

Albert Ware-Bey

Described as a member of Rifle Clubs

Jury report mentioned the disorders on Superior Ave. that preceded the Hough rioting by about 10 days.

"Some of the same people were observed in both places on several nights of the disorders.

"This Jury further believes, that, even though what already happened is both regrettable and tragic in every conceivable human aspect, there is a grave potentiality for repetition of these disorders, or others like them, occurring elsewhere in this community.

"The Jury respectfully calls attention to the effective uses made of impressionable and emotionally immature and susceptible young minds by those who, for one reason or another, have set out to accomplish their designs and objectives in Europe, Asia, South America and elsewhere.

"It is no casual happenstance or coincidence that those throwing fire bombs, or bricks, or bottles, or pillaging or generally engaged in disorder and lawlessness were in the main young people obviously assigned, trained and disciplined in the roles they were to play in the pattern of these dual outbreaks separated by less than one month.

"Nor is it even just coincidence

"1 That the overall pattern for firebombing and destruction to both the Superior and Hough Areas was so highly selective,

"2 That the targets were plainly agreed upon,

"3 That certain places were identified to be hit, and that certain other places were similarly spared.

"On both of these occasions, the Superior and Hough disorders, the presence of teen-agers previously referred to was observed by the police, by plainclothes officers and undercover agents who had been assigned for long periods to observe these youths."

The report then went into specific charges.

The JFK House, meaning Jomo Freedom Kenyatta House, is located at 8801 Superior Ave. The leaders are Lewis G. Robinson, and Feth Robinson, his wife, living at 1242 E. 89th St., Harrell Jones, 9716 Hough Ave., Albert D. Ware-Bey, 11611.

Dan Mack

Identified as a DuBois Club leader

-Castlewood Ave, and Phillip Morris, 7806 Redell Ave.

Robinson has been affiliated with the Freedom Fighters of Ohio, the Medgar Evers Rifle Club (which he helped to found), the JFK House, of which he is the ultimate head, the Deacons for Defense, and the Revolutionary Action Movement

"All of these clubs, to which Robinson belongs are black nationalist clubs

"Testimony before this Jury discredited Robinson as a leader concerned with generally altruistic interests in youth but rather points to him as inciting these youths to focus their hatreds and as indoctrinating them with his own vigorous philosophy of violence

"Harrell Jones is affiliated with JFK House, the Medgar Evers Rifle Club the Revolutionary Action Movement, he is vice president of the Deacons for Defense in spite of his public disavowals, and has frequently either presided over or sponsored meetings for black nationalists, and espouses the ultimate revolutionary purpose for adjusting differences or obtaining desired ends

"Along with Robinson, Harrell Jones caused 2000 pieces of literature to be printed and circulated, citing alleged instances of 'police brutality,' and on the eve of the Hough riots, circulated the greatest number of these to youths of non-voting age under the plausible guise of urging the defeat of a levy at the polls

"Special movies of an undisclosed and voluntary interview shown to the Jury presented Harrell Jones as an outright exponent of violence, a black power apostle with a bitter hatred for all whites, a co-founder of the Rifle Club

"Albert D Ware-Bey, belonged to the same Clubs as Harrell Jones. He declined to testify before the Jury

"Police agencies presented evidence that Ware, Robinson and Jones all purchased quantities of rifles, and all belonged to the Rifle Clubs here and in other cities

"Ware-Bey expressed no allegiance to this country, professed himself not to be

tended many meetings, at which imported Communist speakers talked and was arrested at one of these

"It was established before the Jury that the leaders of the WEB DuBois Club and the Communist Youth Party, with interchangeable officers and virtually identical concepts, arrived in Cleveland only a few days before the Hough Area disorders

"They took up residence at 1844 East 81st St, only a short distance from the central point of origin of the Hough Area troubles

"These men, who came from Chicago, New York and Brooklyn, were Mike Bayer, otherwise known as Mike Davidow, Daniel Mack, Ronald Lucas, and Steve Schreefter

"They were seen constantly together. They made

Steve Schreefter

Came to Cleveland shortly before riots

bound by its laws, and in the opinion of the Jury, by both testimony and his own conduct, was not one who could have other than destructive influence upon youths either at the JFK House or elsewhere

"There was evidence placed before the Jury that Rifle Clubs were formed, that ammunition was purchased, and that a range was established and used, that speeches were made at JFK House advocating the need for Rifle Clubs, and that instructions were given in the use of Molotov cocktails, and how and when to throw them to obtain maximum effect.

"Further, irrefutable evidence was shown to the effect that Robinson pledged reciprocal support to and with the Communist Party of Ohio

"In addition, Robinson at-

Harrell Jones

A co-founder of Rifle Clubs, the Grand Jury said

Ronald Lucas

Member of the WEB DuBois Club

swift contact with the JFK House leadership and with Phil Hait, of Middlehurst Road, Cleveland Heights, Ohio, and his wife, Connie, who, the evidence showed, are leaders of the Communist party throughout the Ohio Valley District including Cleveland nevertheless are able to carry on their advocacy and to maintain themselves with clothing, food and shelter from some undetermined source

"With specific regard to the WEB DuBois Club, the evidence further showed that Mike Bayer, Daniel Mack, Ron Lucas and Steve Shreefster previously living and residing a large part of their time outside of Cleveland, are currently making plans to move their efforts from the Hough Area over to the West Side

"That they are not employed, are now so far as the Jury knows without any visible means of support but

"Finally, evidence was presented that UJAMA is an organization dedicated to black power and has begun its effort to establish itself in the Cleveland area. Their philosophy is that black people should be governed by themselves in every respect and that anything pertaining to the rights of Negroes must be cleared through the central organization of UJAMA which has flourished in New York, and has spread into other places, and

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is embraced locally by Lewis Robinson and his Lieutenants at JFK House

"In attendance at one specific meeting at which plans for UJAMA in Cleveland were discussed were Robinson, Jones and Ware Bey. Also in attendance at this meeting was Cornelius Freeman from Cleveland and Oseijiman Adefunmi, and also known as Serge King, and Gizergaga Latanji, representing New York UJAMA.

"In the course of its investigation, the Grand Jury has learned that police and firemen were targets for snipers and individuals throwing rocks and bricks

"These senseless acts cannot be tolerated and the perpetrators should be subjected to severe penalties

"The police and firemen on the other hand should be commended for their efforts to maintain law and order in the face of great personal danger.

"The general conduct of our police and fire departments, we feel, command and receive the highest respect of our law abiding citizens from all groups

"The Jury now requests that the Cuyahoga County delegation to the next session of the Ohio Assembly give serious consideration to the following suggestions for new and more inclusive legislation covering such situations as the Superior and Hough Area disorders represent

(1) Inciting to riot.

"No person with the intent to cause a riot shall do any act or engage in any conduct which urges a riot, or urges others to commit acts of force or violence, or the burning or destroying of property, and at a time and place and under circumstances which produce a clear and present and immediate danger of acts of force or violence or the burning or destroying of property. Whoever violates this section shall be imprisoned not less than one nor more than twenty years

(2) Definition of Riot

"Any use of force or violence, disturbing the peace, or any threat to use such force or violence if accompanied by immediate power of execution involving two or more persons carrying on such conduct and without authority of law, is a riot

(3) Enhanced Penalty for Arson or Attempted Arson during a Riot

"An amendment to revised code section 2907.06 (this section concerns itself with the attempt to burn or set on fire or to do any act preliminary thereto or the burning of buildings)

"Upon the proclamation of the Governor proclaiming a state of disaster or extreme emergency because of a riot, whoever violates this section during such period covered by said proclamation shall be fined not less than \$5000.00 and imprisoned not less than five nor more than twenty years or

(4) Assault against a fireman or policeman acting in the course of his duty

"No person shall assault a fireman or policeman while such fireman or policeman is acting in the

course of his duties. Whoever violates this section shall be fined not more than \$5000.00 or imprisoned not less than one nor more than twenty years or both"

The jurors followed these recommendations with these findings of "inequities and practices" that contributed to the rioting

"The density of population in the Hough area

"Inadequate and sub-standard housing

"Charging of exorbitant rents by absentee landlords

"Nonenforcement of the housing code

"Woeifully inadequate recreational facilities for children whose uncertain homelife calls for this kind of wholesome community outlet

"Sub-standard educational facilities

"Excessive food prices in most instances accompanied all too frequently with foodstuffs found to be inferior in freshness or quality

"The denial of equal economic opportunities

"Diminished incentives by repressed and neglected people

"The present system of paying women for having children, frequently out of wedlock, or under a relationship loosely described as "common law" which enables the father to walk out of his "marital arrangement" to escape his proper responsibilities." The jurors added this comment

"Impatience among the Negro people for the improvement of their citizenship is understandable but the opinion has been expressed they may be attempting to exact too much too fast for the community to bear within an arbitrarily fixed time limit"

"At this time the return of any additional indictments based upon community vengeance and not upon evidence sufficient to convict in a court of law would not do credit to our democratic society.

"Realistic and productive goals must now be set by this community

- 1 "Improvement in Housing Code Enforcement.
- 2 "Improvement in Police Action and Court Findings against prostitutes, cheat spots, gambling, and the numbers of liquor license outlets
- 3 "Continuing drive for improved garbage and rubbish collection, stronger measures against landlords and tenants to make this task easier for the City
- 4 "Put the Urban Renewal program back on the track with the full cooperation of the Federal Government as quickly as possible.



Lewis Robinson and his wife, Beth, are leaders of the JFK House

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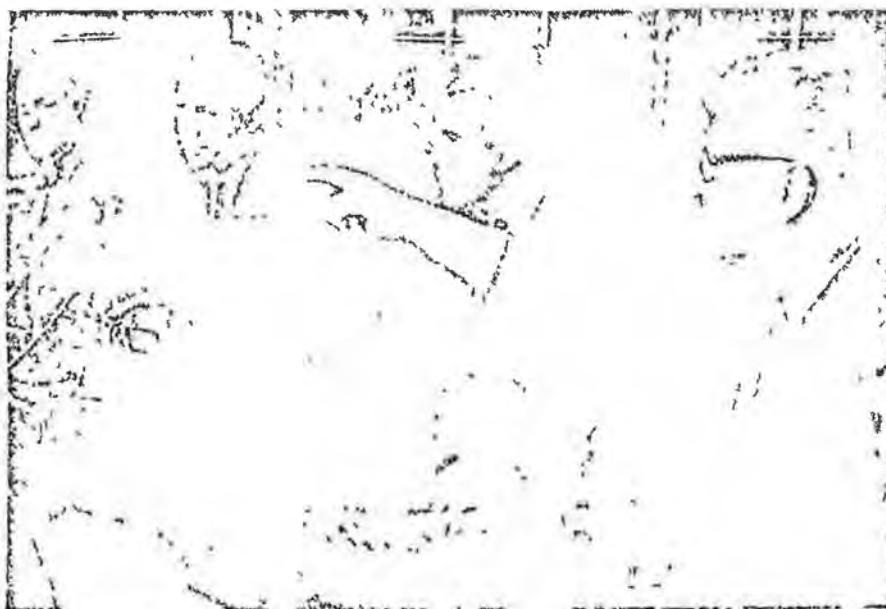
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Police undercover agents Jessie C. Thomas and Fred V. Giardini told of their experiences while infiltrating organizations which figured in the Grand Jury report on the Hough Area riots. From left: Police Chief Richard Wagner, Thomas, Giardini and Safety Director John McCormick.

—BY HILBERT BLACK—
Chief Police Reporter

Two young police undercover agents—star witnesses in the County Grand Jury's Hough riots probe—told for the first time today how they penetrated suspected subversive organizations over a period of 11 months.

Detectives Jessie C. Thomas, 26-year-old Negro, and Fred V. Giardini, 26, and white, related their story at a noontime press conference in the office of Safety Director John McCormick.

These were among the highlights.

BOTH AGENTS were so successful at infiltration that they were made officers of some groups and both were accepted as members of the Communist Party.

WHAT THEY HEARD and saw established definite links between the Communist Party and the W. E. B. DuBois Club and Lewis G. Robinson's JFK (Jomo Freedom Kenyatta) House.

BOTH MEN attended Marxism classes

at the Cleveland Heights home of Phil Bait, high state official of the Communist Party, and at the East Side home of Anton Kichmaick, oldtime Communist and spokesman for the party in Ohio.

AT JFK HOUSE MEETINGS Thomas heard Robinson and his aides, Harlell Jones, a city employee, and Albert Ware Bey, avowed black nationalist, make militant speeches inciting youths with such statements as "you've got to take what you want."

ALSO HEARD by Thomas in basement meetings at JFK, 8801 Superior Ave., were talks about organizing little clubs, making fire bombs and distribution of literature.

"NO COMMENT" was both agents' reply to numerous questions fired at them about what spawned the riots and whether they attended meetings in which they heard riot plans made.

NEITHER AGENT took any active

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Police Reveal Details of Hough Spying

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part in the street disorders in the Hough area

GIARDINI interrupted his activities in left-wing groups to penetrate successfully the extreme right-wing White Citizens Council, but it turned into a fiasco during Public Square demonstration. He said the DuBois Club asked him to join the 'CC

Thomas and Giardini, the first integrated investigative team to function in the Police Department, had joined the force in July, 1965, and were in training at the Police Academy that month when they were selected for their secret assignment

THEY WORKED UNDER Detective John Ungvary, head of the Subversive Activities Unit. Only Ungvary's men, highest-echelon police officials and a personnel officer knew what was going on. The personnel officer even wiped their names off payroll and other records, leaving

the spaces mysteriously blank for future use

Not until their names were revealed after testifying for hours before the Grand Jury last week was their assignment revealed. After their testimony they were officially and publicly assigned to the Detective Bureau.

Both men are married and Thomas has two children. Both are high school graduates. Thomas formerly was a department store security officer and supervisor. Giardini used to be a machinist.

THEY INFILTRATED the DuBois Club, the JFK House and the Communist Party itself as a team, although Thomas always joined the organizations a few weeks ahead of his partner.

Once they started their assignment they didn't set foot in Central Police Station again for 11 months.

They communicated with Ungvary by letter or by unlisted phone when they needed advice, or money or anything else.

Even in their tense, dangerous assignment there was occasional comic relief. One occasion was when Giardini penetrated the meetings of the White Citizens Council.

He had to drop out in a hurry because one day while he was picketing with the Cleveland Committee to End War in Vietnam he was recognized by counterpicketers from the White Citizens Council.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

8/25/66

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513)(P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

Re Cleveland airtel, 8/1/66.

Enclosed for the Bureau's information in this matter is one copy of an article entitled "Major Points of Grand Jury Report on Hough Riot" which appeared in the 8/10/66 issue of "The Cleveland Press", a daily evening newspaper and one copy of an article from the 8/11/66, issue of the same newspaper entitled "Police Tell Story of Hough Spying."

Bureau will be advised of any additional pertinent developments in this matter.

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Director, FBI (157-9-4)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLONOVOCATION)

ReBHairtels 8/29/66 and 9/20/66 and Buairtel
9/2/66.

For the information of other offices, Birmingham
has suggested that we attempt to force the United Klans of
America, Inc. (UKA), to consider holding a National
Klonvocation.

Birmingham sustains the belief that through
informant control in the various offices this question can
be raised in UKA circles with the suggestion that
 may be opposed to a
National Klonvocation as he fears that he would not be
retained in his position of power if put to a vote.

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There seems to be sufficient factionalism and
state autonomy in the UKA national organization to logically
develop the Birmingham proposal.

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Letter to SAC, Birmingham
Re: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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It is believed that within each state where the UKA operates a "smear campaign" can be developed against [redacted] which will begin with rumors and slowly grow in substantial strength until our objective is accomplished.

This proposal can be moved through informants, established news sources, anonymous communications, the Bureau-controlled fictitious anti-Klan organization, the National Committee for Domestic Tranquility, chain letters, cartoons, compromise of Klansmen and other means too numerous to mention.

Recipient offices are requested to consider this proposal and within 30 days submit recommendations designed to carry out the objective under consideration.

As we desire to coordinate this activity in several offices, take no action in this matter other than requested above without prior Bureau authority.

The Birmingham interest in this matter is appreciated.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-4897)

FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-445) (P)

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On 8/3/66 subject attempted to contact SA [redacted]
[redacted], who was then on extended AL.

On 8/18/66 subject was contacted by SAs [redacted]
[redacted] and [redacted] at which time he indicated that he
would be an informant of the Bureau and furnished a list of
members of the ~~XXXX~~ in the Cleveland, Ohio area.

Subject stated that the Cleveland Klavern of the
~~XXXX~~ was on the verge of collapse and that some of the more
militant members indicated an interest in joining the United
Klons of America (U.K.A.), which he stated is not yet active as an
organization in Ohio, but that [redacted] Akron, Ohio, is
attempting to organize a U.K.A. Klavern in the Akron area.

Subject stated that he is in a position to switch
his affiliation to the U.K.A. if it will be of assistance to the
Bureau.

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The interviewing Agents made a Xerox copy of the above mentioned list and returned the original to [redacted] stating that his offer would be considered and he would be possibly recontacted in the future.

The Cleveland Office, subsequent to 8/13/66, was unable to develop any information through present informants that the subject is a plot. The attention of the Bureau is directed to report of SA [redacted] dated 1/20/66, which sets forth interviews of the subject on pages 8 and 9, and to report of SA [redacted] dated 7/23/65 which sets forth an interview on page 3.

Subject, during these interviews, never admitted his Klan activities but did state that if contacted by the Klan or if he knew anything about the Klan he would notify the above Agents.

[redacted]
[redacted] had become acquainted with him during an investigation to locate his brother, CHARLES BROWN, a Bureau [redacted] Subject was always cordial and friendly at the time of that investigation.

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Director, FBI (157-9-11)

August 30, 1966

SAC, Cleveland (157-513) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
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Re Cleveland let, 8/15/66, captioned as above;
and Cleveland airtel, 8/23/66, captioned [redacted]
aka.; [redacted]

For the information of the Bureau in the Counter-
intelligence Program, there is enclosed herewith a copy of
referenced airtel.

Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO DIRECTOR, FBI (157-168)

FROM SAC, CLEVELAND (100-10261)

SUBJECT NATIONAL KNIGHTS OF THE KU KLUX KLAN
RACIAL MATTERS - KLAN

DATE 9/2/66

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[redacted] who has furnished reliable information in the past on Klan matters and who is an [redacted] of the National Knights of the Ku Klux Klan (NKKKK), Klavern [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, on 8/8/66, orally advised SA [redacted] that on 8/7/66, while attending a NKKKK rally near Lodi, Ohio, he heard from three separate sources that [redacted] a member of Klavern [redacted] had recently beaten up [redacted] in retaliation for a beating that [redacted] had given to [redacted]. There was some opinions expressed that [redacted] might go to the FBI because of the beating. [redacted] had no further information concerning this matter.

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[redacted] is a [redacted] and [redacted] who was formerly a member of Klavern [redacted] and on 5/8/66, was elected a member of the Klokann Kommittee, Klavern [redacted] however, since his appearance at the 5/8/66 election he has not been active in the Klan and [redacted] recently learned that [redacted] had left the Klan.

[redacted] aka [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, was also a member of Klavern [redacted] Cleveland, Ohio, and was elected to the Klokann Kommittee, Klavern [redacted] on 5/8/66. He has been moderately active in Klan affairs although [redacted] on 8/8/66, reported that [redacted] had resigned from the Klan. [redacted] is also a [redacted] and [redacted]

The Bureau was previously furnished a LHM dated 3/24/66 concerning [redacted] under the caption of the "Minutemen" organization.

Based on the above factors, it was felt that this situation presented an opportune time to interview [redacted] concerning the Klan. Accordingly interview with [redacted] commenced on August 9, 1966, and was continued on August 10, 1966. Interview with [redacted] was difficult and tedious in view of his [redacted] and [redacted] which necessitated reducing most questions and answers [redacted]

[redacted] presently resides at [redacted] (up), Cleveland, Ohio, and is employed as a [redacted] by the Canada Dry Corporation, Cleveland.

At the inception of interview, it was apparent that [redacted] had been the subject of a severe beating. It was observed that he had two black eyes, four stitches over his right eye, his face was badly swollen and light bruises were evident on his chest. In addition, he displayed to interviewing agent his inner upper lip which showed signs of heavy lacerations and he indicated that his teeth were loosened. He later displayed a blood spattered shirt with a ripped shirt pocket which he had worn at the time of the beating.

It was apparent from the onset of interview that [redacted] wished to be cooperative and he subsequently furnished considerable information concerning the Klan and other right wing organizations.

[redacted] explained that around [redacted] he received two pink postal cards addressed to him care of the Canada Dry Corporation, Cleveland, on two separate occasions. These cards indicated that he [redacted] was a Klansman and consequently these cards embarrassed him with his employer. [redacted] further explained that he immediately suspected [redacted] inasmuch as [redacted] was one of the few Klansmen who knew his employment. He noted that he became convinced that [redacted] was the perpetrator of the cards when he compared the handwriting on one of the pink postal cards with a letter [redacted] had previously addressed to him. [redacted] felt [redacted] had sent him these postal cards because he, [redacted] had dropped away from Klan activities and pointed out that after he received the two pink postal cards he made it known to [redacted] that he was through with the Klan.

[redacted] produced the two pink postal cards and they are identical to the two sent to [redacted] care of Canada Dry Corporation during May and June, 1966, under the "Counter Intelligence Program - Klan". In this respect it should be noted that a source on [redacted] at the Canada Dry Corporation in both instances on receipt of the pink postal cards at the company notified interviewing agent of this fact.

In addition to the above, [redacted] produced [redacted] letter on which he based his conclusion that [redacted] had sent the two pink postal cards to him care of the Canada Dry Corporation. Examination by interviewing agent of this letter with one of the pink postal cards showed a surprising similarity in the handwriting and it was not difficult to see how [redacted] could come to this conclusion. [redacted] also noted that numerous Klansmen have received similar pink postal cards and they have caused considerable consternation within the Klan. He noted that several individuals in the Klan are suspect in sending the cards although he feels that quite a few believe that [redacted] is the perpetrator. He did point out that [redacted] of Klavern [redacted] got in a fight with [redacted] because [redacted] felt [redacted] sent him the pink postal cards.

[redacted] advised that on the late evening of Saturday, [redacted] he and [redacted] were drinking at David's Bar, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland. As the evening progressed, [redacted] became quite intoxicated and in a stupor [redacted] admitted he was responsible for sending the pink postal cards to [redacted] but laid the blame on a [redacted] of Dayton, Ohio, and a [redacted] [redacted] did not give any particulars concerning his actual involvement or that of [redacted] and [redacted] inasmuch as at this point he got mad at [redacted] and knocked [redacted] to the floor. [redacted]

b7C noted he then gave [] a "whipping". [] left David's Bar after it had officially closed at 3:30 AM on Sunday, []

b7C The motive for [] admitting some complicity in sending the pink postal cards to [] is unknown. Although this could conceivably be a misunderstanding on [] part or [] part due to the fact that they [] which was worsened by the fact that [] was 'ntoxicated.

b7C [] stated that after [] departure, the [] of David's Bar, [] kept giving him free drinks and urging him to stay at the bar. However, [] tried to leave shortly after [] departure but [] would not unlock the door to let him out although he had done so for []. [] stated he was in effect a "hostage" inasmuch as he sensed trouble and continued to request [] to let him out but [] would not let him go.

b7C [] related that [] is a member of the NKKKK and he is convinced that [] called the Klan following his beating of [] inasmuch as [] cannot use a [] and there was not sufficient time for [] to seek out and locate any of the Klan in his intoxicated condition.

b7C [] is not known to be a member of the NKKKK although he has repeatedly allowed the NKKKK and other right wing organizations to use David's Hall, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland, (rear of David's Bar) which he [] as a meeting place. The Cleveland Police Department Subversive Squad has in the past contacted [] and he has been definitely uncooperative.

b7C [] stated that between 4:45 AM and 5:00 AM, five men were admitted to David's Bar by []. Of this group, he could identify [] whom he knows as a member of Klavern [] whom he states is the [] of The Right Brigade and whose real name he knows as [] (Bureau file []), and two other individuals not known to him but believed to be Klansmen. From [] he learned that the four men with [] had to [] residence inasmuch as [] was sleeping and [] in order to verify that [] was beaten by [].

[redacted] then stated he was handed a note which read that he was going to be killed and which he after reading placed in his shirt pocket. He then pleaded with [redacted] to let him out but [redacted] made no attempt to do so. The note was then ripped out of his shirt pocket after which the two identified individuals held [redacted] while [redacted] and [redacted] commenced to strike [redacted] on the face and shoulders with their fist. [redacted] did not participate in the beating and shortly after it commenced he retreated with the group to stop the beating but they would not heed his plea. [redacted] stated they probably kept hitting for ten minutes after which "They carried me out by my feet".

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[redacted] stated he managed to get home (resides within [redacted] of David's Bar) from where an ambulance took him to [redacted] Hospital, Cleveland. He was treated, released and a police report made of the matter.

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During the course of the two day interview, [redacted] gave considerable information concerning the NKKKK, UKA and right wing organizations which was extremely factual and correct based on information already known and corroborated. He had a surprisingly good knowledge of these organizations and individual members despite the fact that he is a [redacted] and [redacted]

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[redacted] stated that [redacted] belongs to a "Black Shirt" secret group in either the Klan or the American Nazi Party which he describes as an assassination group. He noted that [redacted] advised him that he is a member of this group and had displayed to [redacted] an identification card reflecting such membership. [redacted] stated that he did not know any other members of this organization but was advised they wore black robes and are hardened killers and ex-convicts according to [redacted] bragged that he has a criminal record "as long as your arm" throughout the United States.

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In respect to the "Black Shirts", it should be noted that the Cleveland Office has previously advised the Bureau of the possibility of the establishment of such an organization when it was discussed at a Klavern [redacted] meeting.

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[redacted] then noted that [redacted] has an arsenal in his residence and it is for this reason the Klan needs him and would protect him. He noted that this arsenal consist of a .45 caliber submachine gun with 4-30 round clips; two Super automatic .38s, each with 20 or 30 round clips; a .38 caliber

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automatic and a .357 Millimeter gun. In addition, [] has 3,000 rounds of ammunition, information to convert any gun into a fully automatic weapon and he also keeps his rooms full of bottles and cans to make bombs. He stated that the .45 caliber submachine gun and the two Super automatic .38s are not registered with the United States Government according to []

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[] noted that [] also has a full length mirror in his home in front of which he practices his quick draw technique and plays like he is shooting his guns.

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[] believes [] to be a dangerous individual and he noted he learned from [] that he and his friends had planned to terrorize the Jewish community and spoke of going over to the riot area to "bomb" during the recent racial disturbances in Cleveland during July, 1966. He also noted he once walked into [] residence and caught him playing with the submachine gun which he waved in front of the mirror and stated to [] that he could not wait to use his guns on people.

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[] noted that [] keeps his arsenal partially in leather bags in a steel locker type closet in the kitchen as well as in a foot locker and cedar chest in the living room. The .45 caliber submachine gun at times is kept under the bedspread or under the mattress in the bedroom.

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[] claimed to have last seen the arsenal during the first part of July, 1966. He noted that he advised the Cleveland Police Department of [] arsenal at the time the police report was made out at Luthern Hospital, but was advised it was not against the law to keep weapons in the home.

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[] also mentioned that last year at a NKKKK rally at [] farm in Oregonia, Ohio, there was an individual continually with [] whom [] introduced to the Klansmen as a friend who was with the FBI for a long time. This individual carried an exposed gun in a holster and looked either like an Indian or a Mexican. This individual was about 6' tall, 200 pounds, and had a "big thick mustache". [] could recall no further facts concerning this matter.

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[] also states that there are weapons at all Klan rallies and they are brought to the rally site and hidden prior to the actual rally. He based part of this on the fact that at a NKKKK rally at Lodi, Ohio, last year, he accidentally came upon a small house trailer in which he saw about ten rifles. b7C

The above appears to be relative to the trailer of Klansman [] from the Cincinnati Division who was known to have brought his trailer to rallies in the Cleveland Division and he was allegedly transporting firearms to the rallies by this method. b7C

[] In addition to the above information furnished by [] he supplied considerable more information of an intelligence nature concerning racial subjects and organizations which would be of no immediate concern to the Bureau. b7C

[] admitted membership in the NKKKK and advised he first joined as a result of a NKKKK rally held in Brunswick Hills Township, Ohio, in 1965. He also volunteered that he was [] of Klavern [] as a result of an election held May, 1966. [] claims that he joined the NKKKK to gather information to "blow the lid" by [] and by "helping the law". He stated that following the May, 1966, meeting he dropped away from all Klan activity because he "couldn't stomach it the way they are threatening to revolt and take over the Government". He noted that after receipt of the two pink postal cards he told [] he was through with the Klan but [] thought he was joking and would not believe him. b7C

[] states he wishes to cooperate with the FBI and feels he would not have any difficulty in becoming active and accepted in the Klan. He noted that he was always friendly with [] and could write him a letter explaining that he is sorry that he started the fight and feels that he could easily get back into [] confidence. In respect to being accepted by the Klan, he pointed out that a similar situation arose when [] accused [] in sending the pink postal cards and they subsequently got in a fight over the affair and both are still in the Klan. He further pointed out that [] was once thrown out of the Klan for being suspected of being with the UKA but he was later b7C

b7C reinstated. In addition, [] produced a business card from JAMES R. VENABLE and noted he is on good terms with VENABLE and could write him a letter explaining the situation.

b7C [] advised that he was from decent people but on his own. He claimed that FRANK A. HOOVER, "Chief Federal Judge in Atlanta", is a great uncle on his mother's side and that one of his descendants, [] of North Carolina, was one of the [] of the Declaration of Independence.

b7C [] also advised that he would not hesitate to testify on behalf of the FBI concerning [] arsenal or any information furnished during the interview.

b7C In regard to information previously furnished the Bureau on 3/24/66, it was noted that [] reportedly has firearms in his home and has converted semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons and further [] owns a couple of "Eagle" submachine guns. This same communication notes that the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit, Cleveland, was also aware of [] activities and [] voluntarily turned over to Alcohol and Tobacco Tax Unit (ATTU) plans for converting an M-1 carbine and other semi-automatic weapons into fully automatic weapons. [] denied owning other than a .38 caliber revolver. This information was afforded the local office of the U. S. Secret Service.

b7C [] Investigator, ATTU, Cleveland, Ohio, on 3/15/66, informed that he handled the investigation of [] relative to the plans [] received to convert the M-1 into fully automatic weapon. He advised that the ATTU has considered the possibility that [] could have possession of weapons falling within the scope of the National and Federal Firearms Acts but no evidence has been developed in this regard and [] is not presently under active investigation. In the respect he advised that ATTU investigates all individuals who attempt to register a fully automatic weapon and he has no personal recollection of [] ever being investigated for such an application, although, he pointed out that the results of such an investigation as well as the application would be on file with the Regional Office of the Internal Revenue Service, Cincinnati, Ohio.

b7C [redacted] Bureau of Special Investigation, on 8/16/66, furnished a copy of Complaint [redacted] which reflects that [redacted] (up) reported an Assault and Battery, which occurred at 5:00 AM, Sunday, [redacted] @David's Bar, 4105 Clark Avenue, Cleveland. This report is set forth verbatim as follows:

b7C "Victim is a [redacted] and thru [redacted] on [redacted] learned the following.

b7C "Victim was in bar at 5 Am talking to a [redacted] and was asking him why he was sending Ku Klux Klan cards to his place of employment. A fight ensued and victim was pulled off bar stool and struck by [redacted] about the face. The fight was broken up by [redacted]

b7C "Victim was thrown out of bar. Shortly after he was called in again by the [redacted] The [redacted] locked the door, after calling in (4) other white males. They proceeded to beat victim up with both hands and feet about the head and body. Victim managed to get home and get to bed.

b2 "At 7:34 Am Police called to [redacted] where they met victim's [redacted] who is also a [redacted] They went to victim's home at [redacted] and found him in bed. Victim conveyed to Lutheran Hospital by [redacted] reports laceration wound of forehead; lips; contusion of right jaw - contusion of forehead and eyes - treated and released.

"SUSPECTS:

- b7C #1 [redacted] 155 lbs., brn hair; lives at [redacted]
#2 [redacted] 200 lbs., lives at [redacted]
#3 [redacted] br [redacted] 5-10; reddish blond hair; address unknown
#4 [redacted] 5-10; 200 lbs., light brown hair; address unknown.

"NO ARRESTS

"VICTIM ADVISED TO CONSULT PROSECUTOR"

b7C [redacted] on 8/18/66 advised that he contacted investigating Cleveland PD Officers [redacted] Badge [redacted] and [redacted] Badge [redacted] on 8/17/66, and they advised that [redacted] indicated that one of the individuals he implicated, [redacted], had a lot of weapons in his home but they advised him it was not against the laws to keep weapons in the home and they suggested that he contact the local prosecutor if he wished to take any action against his assaulters.

b7C [redacted] related that the Bureau of Special Investigation is aware of [redacted] activities in the Klan and they are in possession of prior information that he reportedly is in possession of firearms. In this respect he noted that the FBI previously furnished similar information and that a source of theirs in the Klan had also mentioned this possibility.

b7C An attempt was made to recontact [redacted] on 8/19/66, at his residence at which time it was determined from his [redacted] that he was confined to [redacted] Cleveland. [redacted] is also a [redacted] but was able to convey that her husband was in the hospital because of trouble with his stomach and she felt it could be a result of the beating. Inquiry at [redacted] Hospital on 8/29/66, revealed that [redacted] condition is satisfactory and he is scheduled for an early release. No attempt was made to interview [redacted] at the hospital.

b7C The Cleveland Office is aware that the possession of an unregistered .45 caliber submachine gun is a violation of the Registration Provision (Section 5841, Title 626, J. N. Code) of the National Firearms Act and feels that a case could be made against [redacted] with the testimony of [redacted] and further corroborating evidence. However, the Cleveland Office feels that the penetration of a terrorist group like the "Black Shirts" by [redacted] to learn the identity of all of its members would take precedence over the possible prosecutive aspects of this matter with a view towards holding in abeyance such prosecutive action until that time when [redacted] usefulness would no longer be of paramount

importance as compared to the possible prosecution of [redacted] In this regard it should also be noted that the ATTH and Cleveland PD are alert to the fact that [redacted] may have prohibitive firearms in his possession and have taken no action regarding [redacted] and likewise the U. S. Secret Service is also aware of this situation.

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The Cleveland Office is well aware that a [redacted] of [redacted] exists with [redacted] because he is [redacted] however, it is felt that [redacted]

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[redacted] was born [redacted] in [redacted] to [redacted] and [redacted] [redacted] was accepted for admission to the [redacted] Georgia, on 8/20/37, and sent home to [redacted] Georgia, 4/4/44, because of his grandmother's illness. He has held numerous menial employments in Georgia, Michigan, and Ohio. [redacted] and his [redacted] have lived at numerous residences since their arrival in Cleveland and they have a [redacted] credit rating based on [redacted] and a [redacted] filed against [redacted] In 1938, [redacted] has been employed by the Canada Dry Corporation since [redacted] and his services are satisfactory although the company is aware that [redacted] has had [redacted]

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Facts to which [redacted] could testify to in connection with the criminal phase of this matter has been reduced to a [redacted]

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This communication is also being furnished the Cincinnati Division as it contains info concerning an individual whom [redacted] introduced as being connected with the FBI.

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This info would appear to be generally known to numerous individuals as it took place at a Klan rally within the Cincinnati Division and may have already come to the attention of the Cincinnati Division. However, it is felt that in the event this is not the case, the Cincinnati Office may be able to identify the individual in question. In addition, the Cincinnati Division should note that [redacted] implicates two subjects of the Cincinnati Division as having some degree of complicity with him in sending the pink postal cards to [redacted] although, this appears to be a self-serving measure on [redacted] part and as the Cincinnati Office is one of the participating offices in this phase of the Bureau's Counterintelligence Program against the Klan is aware that this information is not factual.

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SAC, CLEVELAND (157-445)

10/3/66

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On 9/8/66, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] telephonically advised the writer that she had received in the mail pink colored post cards which in a cartoon depicted a Klansman and a Klanswoman dressed in robes, sitting at a bar drinking. On the woman was written [REDACTED] On the man was written the word [REDACTED]

She stated that a similar card was received in the mail on or about 6/9/66.

[REDACTED] was very upset and she was advised that the writer knew nothing about the post cards or their sources. She indicated that [REDACTED] was unknown to her.

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SAC, SAVANNAH (157-972) (RUC)

REVEREND CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH ✓ aka
RM
(OO: Los Angeles)

Reference is made to Cleveland airtel to Bureau with letterhead memorandum enclosure dated 9/30/66, entitled "NATIONAL STATES RIGHTS PARTY".

Since Los Angeles is origin on LYNCH and the letterhead memorandum contains information as to his appearance at Cleveland, Ohio, a copy of each communication is enclosed for Los Angeles.

Information copy to Cleveland to advise Los Angeles is origin on LYNCH.

- 2 - Los Angeles (Enc. 2) (RM)
- ① - Cleveland (RM) (157-100-23729) (Info)
- 1 - Savannah

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LYNCH HAS BEEN CONVICTED IN THE PAST
FOR ASSAULT WITH DEADLY WEAPON, AND
SHOULD, THEREFORE, BE CONSIDERED
ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

10-25-66

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLOONVOCATION)

ReBulet to Birmingham, 9/27/66.

There has been no United Klans of America (UKA) organization in the Cleveland Division, other than the Akron, Ohio, UKA Klavern which just received its charter within the past month. Although Cleveland Division has informant coverage in the new UKA Klavern in Akron, this Klavern is presently in its formative stages and has not undergone organizational development to a point where informant influence relative to the program suggested by the Bureau would be effective.

The Akron UKA Klavern is considering holding elections during the forthcoming month. Subsequent to this, and upon determining the identity of the officers, Cleveland Division will be in a position to submit specific recommendations relative to the anticipated counterintelligence action suggested in referenced letter.

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Letter to SAC, New York
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
(157-9-34) [redacted] C b1

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By 11/15/66, recipient offices should furnish ideas for steps which might be taken to implement Bureau suggestions and office capabilities for carrying them out. In addition, in conjunction with disruptive plans, specific consideration should be given to ways to activate informant situations which are now dormant. [redacted]

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TO: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-7-24)
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (157-1448)(P)
RE: COUNTER INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH)

100-73989-907

Re Oklahoma letter to Bureau, 10/31/66 and Los Angeles airtel to Bureau, 8/23/66.

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On 10/28/66, [REDACTED]
Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, advised SA [REDACTED]
he has ascertained that the Driver Improvement Bureau of the
Department of Public Safety has received verification from the
State of California regarding the suspension of LYNCH's
driver's license. [REDACTED] advised that the Oklahoma
Department of Public Safety is now in the process of suspending
the Oklahoma License issued to LYNCH, and he will advise the
Oklahoma City office when the suspension is effected.

Copies of this letter are being sent to all offices
that received a copy of Los Angeles airtel dated 8/23/66.

LYNCH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-34)

DATE: 11/10/66

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FROM: SAC, SAN FRANCISCO (157-601)

(RUC)

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SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Re Bureau letter to New York dated 10/28/66.

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SF 157-601

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There is no organization or activity on the part of the National States Rights Party or Klan organizations in the Northern California area. The American Nazi Party (ANP) is very small in the Bay Area, now consisting of from six to ten persons who affiliate with it. The ANP in this area follows the directives passed on to them by ANP headquarters in Arlington, Virginia. It is felt no independent action would be taken by the San Francisco Bay Area Unit of the ANP.

In view of the above, it does not appear San Francisco can significantly implement the Bureau's suggestions in this matter at this time. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This office will be alert to such a possibility.

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DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

11-15-66

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

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Set forth below are the observations of the
Cleveland Division in this regard:

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The names of other persons mentioned above also could be thrown in as build-up material, after it has been determined whether they are still living, and where.

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No specific action will be taken without prior
Bureau authority.

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8 ARE INDICTED HERE FOR VIOLENCE, RACISM

(Indicate page, name of newspaper, city and state.)

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THE
CLEVELAND PRESS
(Cleveland, Ohio)

Date 11/16/66

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☐ Being Investigated

By Hilbert Black, Staff Police Reporter

Police today began a roundup of eight men indicted by the County Grand Jury for a series of racial and terrorist incidents during and after the Hough Riots including

FIRE-BOMBING of the Vocational Planning Center, 9216 Superior Ave., last Aug. 24, two days after Governor Rhodes dedicated it

DEFACING STATUES in the Cleveland Cultural Gardens last September, when a gang of men painted racist slogans such as "Black Power" and "Get Whitey" on 30 statues and monuments.

SEXUAL ASSAULT of a 15-year-old girl in the basement of the former JFK House at 8801 Superior Ave.

FIRE-BOMBING of Stanley's Super Valu Store, 8818 Superior Ave. which was later gutted by a \$45,000 blaze June 26

ASSAULTING Miss Anna Geffin, 50,

of 12917½ St. Clair Ave. July 1. She was hit in the head with a brick by one of a gang of youths near the corner of E. 105th St. and St. Clair Ave.

Secret indictments of eight men involved in the incidents were handed to a task force of eight policemen today. The policemen were sent to find and bring them in.

By late this afternoon those arrested included

HARLELL JONES, 26, of 9716 Hough Ave., who lost his job as a city employee for being absent from work. Jones, a JFK House leader, was indicted in the assault on the girl, the bombings at the supermarket and Vocational Center and the Cultural Gardens vandalism.

HAROLD MITCHELL (Bey) 22, of 850 Lakeview Rd., indicted in the supermarket and Vocational Center bombings, the

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Harlell Jones

One of eight men indicted today for racial and terrorist incidents.

8 Indicted Here for Violence

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Cultural Gardens vandalism and the assault on Miss Geffin

RALPH SUTTLES JR., 12428 Saywell Ave., indicted for the Cultural Gardens damage and the Vocational Center firebombing

WIMBERLY REEVES, 22, of 850 Lakeview Rd., indicted for the Cultural Gardens destruction

Suttles and Mitchell were already in custody, charged with burglary at the time the indictments were delivered

Assistant County Prosecutor Hyman Friedman, who presented the evidence to the Grand Jury, would not comment on the investigation

But The Press learned that police raided Mitchell's apartment last month and found seven firebombs, a supply of gunpowder, and instructions for making explosives and preparing a lye solution to be dispensed by spray

Police were still seeking four named in the indictments

ALBERT WARE (BEY), address unknown, indicted for the Cultural Gardens vandalism and the supermarket bombing

PHILLIP MORRIS, 23, address unknown indicted for the supermarket bombing, assaults on the 15-year-old girl and Miss Geffin and the Cultural Gardens depredation

MARVIN T WOLF (BEY), 19, of 850 Lakeview Ave., indicted for the Cultural Gardens damage, and the Vocational Center bombing

WILLY L MOORE, age and address unknown, indicted for the Cultural Gardens vandalism and the Vocational Center bombing

Officers of the Police Department's Subversive Activities Unit and the Juvenile Unit joined in the investigation which led up to today's indictments

Investigators included Sgt John Ungary, and Detectives Tom Mahon and John Patton of the subversive control unit, and Sgt Arthur Pagel and Detectives Charles McWhorter, John Smith and Jake Flowers of the Juvenile Unit.

11/17/66

AIRTEL

TO: Director, FBI (157-9-11)
FROM: SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DRAGONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

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Re Cleveland letter, 8/25/66, captioned as above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is an Xerox copy of a newspaper article entitled, "8 Are Indicted Here For Violence, Racism," which appeared on Page 1 of the 11/16/66 issue of the Cleveland "Press," a daily evening newspaper.

According to the article, among those arrested was [redacted] a leader of the Jomo Freedom Kenyatta House (JFK House). As the Bureau is aware, the JFK House is a black nationalist center against which Cleveland Division has directed disruptive counterintelligence action in the past.

Another leader of the JFK House [redacted] a black racist, was also to be arrested on conspiracy in connection with the unlawful activities involving the 8 arrested; however, the county prosecutor ruled that their conspiracy statute was not applicable in connection with these arrests. [redacted] was the [redacted] of the JFK House; however, to his displeasure, [redacted] has been overshadowing [redacted] in leadership. It thus appears that this situation affords an additional opportunity for further

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disruptive action against the JFK House and [] as follows:

Cleveland Division requests authority for the Agent contacting [] who is connected with the JFK House, to circumspectly convey to the informant that perhaps [] was not arrested because he is a Cleveland Police Department []. It is believed that [] would spread this rumor as a result of which [] would be completely neutralized. In this regard it is noted that [] actually is not an informant for the Cleveland Police Department.

11/15/66

AIRTEL

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-10)
FROM: SAC, CINCINNATI (157-643)
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM ✓
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
b7C [REDACTED] - NKKKK)

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On 11/14/66, [REDACTED] advised as follows:
[REDACTED] self-appointed NKKKK recruiter and organizer, Southern Ohio area, has admitted receiving harassment tactics from one or more of his insurance companies of which he is a policy holder of life insurance. According to informant, his life insurance policies have been cancelled by the company or companies involved by reason of describing [REDACTED] a "poor risk" as a result of his Klan position and activities.

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[REDACTED] told informant he is very disgusted currently and now has a serious concern over his economic future because of the cancellation of his insurance policies. Informant also pointed out that [REDACTED] has been working a great deal of overtime lately mainly for the purpose of making additional money because of recent setbacks in connection with his Klan activities.

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- 2 - Atlanta (157-60) (RM)
- ① - Cleveland (Info) (RM)
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- 1 - Indianapolis (Info) (RM)
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Cincinnati has not made any attempt to verify the above information since it came directly from informant.

The above information is being furnished the Bureau for information purposes with the specific idea in mind of pointing out that if an insurance company would feel strongly enough to cancel a Klansman's life insurance policy in one state, possibly they would take the same action in other states.

SAC, Cleveland (157-513)

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Director, FBI (157-8-11)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE;
MCDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

ReCVairtel 11/17/66.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC, Cleveland (157-513)

FROM : Director, FBI (157-9-11)

DATE 11/28/66

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Director, FBI (157-9-34; [redacted])

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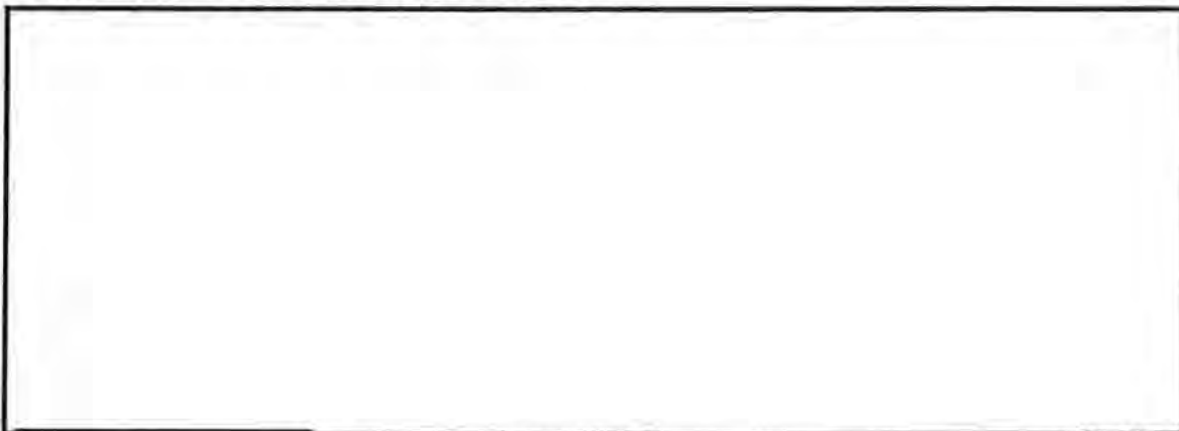
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ReBulet 10/23/66 and NYlet to Bureau 11/14/66.

The views expressed in reNYlet and those furnished to the Bureau by recipient offices in other communications have been reviewed and analyzed.



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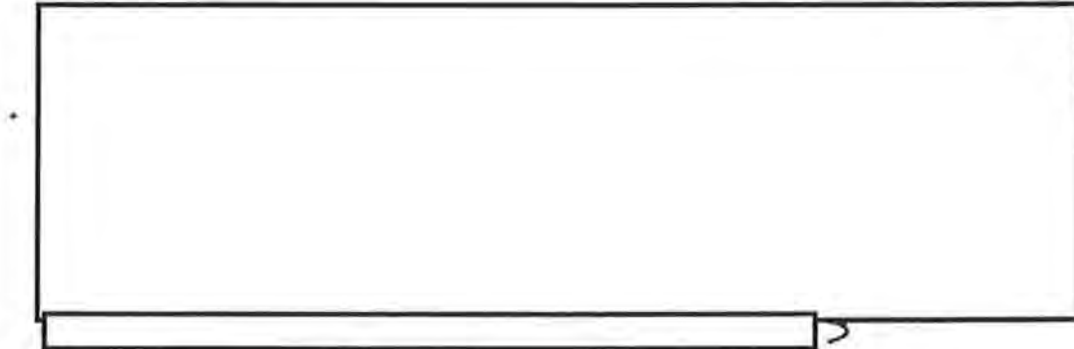
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Letter to SAC, New York
RE: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
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Riot Figure Hired for U.S. Program

By DORIS O'DONNELL

Harrell B. Jones, self-proclaimed black nationalist advocate currently under indictment for violence associated with last summer's Hough rioting, is now working for a federally financed Head Start program.

Jones, 28, of 9716 Hough Avenue NE, was described by the Rev. Charles Rawlings, an executive with the Metropolitan Commission of the Council of Churches of Christ of Greater Cleveland, as a "maintenance trouble-shooter and dispatcher" who drives a truck.

THE COUNCIL of churches receives approximately \$361,794 from the Council for Economic Opportunities in Greater Cleveland, the city's anti-poverty agency, to operate a Head Start school program for children aged 3½ to 4½ in inner-city poverty areas.

Jones was indicted on Nov. 15 with seven others on charges of malicious destruction of property at Cleveland Cultural Gardens, Wade Park and Superior Avenue NE on Sept. 7.

Jones also was indicted on charges of attempting to burn Gale's Super Valu Market, 8618 Superior Avenue NE, in June, felonious assault in the basement of the former JFK House, 8801 Superior Avenue NE, and attempting to burn the Ohio Bureau of Unemployment Compensation's job center, 9216 Superior Avenue NE, in August.

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1 THE PLAIN DEALER
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Date 12/9/66

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Riot Figure Has Job

☆ From First Page

JONES IS a onetime associate of the JFK House with Lewis G. Robinson, and Albert Ware. Ware has been indicted but not arrested.

Jones, suspended from his city job in the sewer department for "excessive absenteeism," has appealed a civil service ruling upholding his firing, to Common Pleas Court.

A spokesman for Ralph W. Findley, director of the CEO program, said that CEO "has

no control over him, policies of the Council of Churches.

"IT IS THE responsibility of the council to handle the funds within federal guidelines," the spokesman said.

"But CEO has no responsibility for the actual hiring of employees by the council."

The city has five Head Start programs which are operated with federal funds by the council, the Catholic Board of Education, the Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers

Association, Community Action for Youth and the Cleveland school board.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

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SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(DEACONS FOR DEFENSE)
(MEDGAR EVERS RIFLE CLUB)

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Re Cleveland airtel, 11-17-66, captioned as
above.

Enclosed for the Bureau is a copy of a
newspaper article entitled, "Riot Figure Hired For U. S.
Program," which appeared in the December 9, 1966, issue
of "The Plain Dealer", a daily and Sunday morning
newspaper in Cleveland.

The [redacted]
[redacted]
[redacted] who has been employed
in the counterintelligence action in the past. [redacted]
has been furnished information in the past on a confidential
basis with Bureau approval. in the counterintelligence
program, regarding [redacted] and other [redacted]
nationalists. From the [redacted] it is apparent
that [redacted] is continuously following-up on this
matter, with [redacted] regarding such [redacted]
nationalists, so as to preclude their obtaining any
position of influence in the community.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-26) DATE: 12/23/66

FROM: SAC, OKLAHOMA CITY (157-307)(RUC)

SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(CHARLES CONLEY LYNCH) *157-513-71* *61*

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Re Oklahoma City letter to Director 10/31/66, and
Los Angeles airtel to Director 11/5/66.

On 12/20/66, [REDACTED]
Oklahoma Department of Public Safety, advised that he has
ascertained from the Driver Improvement Bureau of the Depart-
ment of Public Safety that Oklahoma Driver's License No. 2021361
issued to CONNIE CHARLES LYNCH on 6/30/65 has been suspended.
He stated the suspension is effective 10/31/66, the date notifi-
cation of the suspension was sent to LYNCH at Box 923, Wewoka,
Oklahoma. He stated attempts to serve notice to LYNCH through
this Post Office Box had been unsuccessful. [REDACTED] advised the
suspension is based on the false statement made by LYNCH on his
application reflecting he had never had his license suspended
when, in fact, his license was suspended by the State of
California in 1963.

Copies of this letter are being sent to all offices
which received a copy of Los Angeles airtel dated 11/5/66.

LYNCH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS.

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1 - Cincinnati (RM)	(1 - 157-1448)
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI [REDACTED] b1
FROM : SAC, NEW YORK [REDACTED] (P) b1
SUBJECT: COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS

DATE: 12/20/66

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- 1-Pittsburgh (INFO) (RM)
- 1-San Francisco (INFO) (RM)
- 1-Washington Field (INFO) (RM)
- 1-New York [REDACTED] (INV)
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Information copies of this communication are being submitted to interested offices in order that they may be familiar with the suggestions of the NYO.

DIRECTOR, FBI (157-9-11)

12/29/66

SAC, CLEVELAND (157-513) (P)

COUNTERINTELLIGENCE PROGRAM
INTERNAL SECURITY
DISRUPTION OF HATE GROUPS
(UNITED KLANS OF AMERICA
NATIONAL KLVOCATION)

Re Cleveland letter, 10/25/66.

On October 23, 1966, and November 28, 1966, [redacted] advised that an election of officers of the Akron, Ohio Klavern, United Klans of America (UKA), Inc., was held at a Klavern meeting in Akron on October 23, 1966. The following individuals were elected to the indicated posts:

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[redacted] advised that the position of Klabee (Treasurer) was not filled at this meeting. A treasurer was to be elected at the November meeting, but, according to source, no election was held at the November meeting of the Klavern, nor was the subject mentioned. Source opined that any money in the Klavern must be in the possession of [redacted] who apparently intends to hold onto it. It is, therefore, the opinion of source that a treasurer may never be elected. It remains to be seen, apparently at the discretion of [redacted] as to whether additional officers are elected at some future meeting.

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[redacted] also advised that [redacted] is now the dominating force and "final word" in the Akron Klavern, UKA. [redacted] has indicated to source that he thinks [redacted] is the "greatest man in the world". In view of this situation, it is not believed that informant, or any other person or group of persons in the Akron Klavern, would be in a position at this time to effectively alienate the affection [redacted] has for [redacted]. If anything, in the event of a National Klavocation, the Akron area would undoubtedly be represented by [redacted] who source believes would be a strong supporter of [redacted].

From the foregoing, it appears that [redacted] who thinks a great deal of [redacted] would be a logical target of counterintelligence action. The fact that he holds the funds and is apparently avoiding the election of a treasurer makes him vulnerable in that regard. In addition, direct action against [redacted] could include indirect attacks against [redacted].

Cleveland Division therefore requests Bureau authority to initiate counterintelligence action against [redacted] by anonymously mailing the pink postcard bearing the legend "Klansman - Which Klan Leaders are Spending Your Money Tonight? - Think!" to all known and potential members of the Akron, Ohio Klavern UKA. In answer to the question on the postcard, the name [redacted] can be handwritten in ink. Cleveland Division has sufficient cards on hand for such mailings.

Depending upon the reaction to these anonymous mailings, if approved, Cleveland Division will submit follow-up recommendations.